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## IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 for 10/16/95

BIRDS MENTIONED: Purple Finch SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER Yellow Rail Red-necked Grebe Surf Scoter Sabine's Gull American Avocet Black-bellied Plover Dowitcher (Sp.) Horned Grebe Common Loon Peregrine Falcon Merlin Rough-legged Hawk REPORT MON. AM 10/16 WEERS

It appears that PURPLE FINCHES have moved back into the state, as we had three recent reports of these birds at feeders.

This week's best birds include SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER, YELLOW RAIL, and RED-NECKED GREBE in the southeast, SURF SCOTER in the northeast, and SABINE'S GULL in the northwest.

In the southeast in Des Mojnes County, Chuck Fuller discovered a juvenile SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER on the 13th on the sandbar in the Mississippi River off of the Casey-Barrow Public Landing, about ten miles north of Burlington. Unfortunately, the bird had departed by the morning of the 14th. On the 15th, there were 7 AMERICAN AVOCETS, a BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER, and DOWITCHERS at Casey-Barrow, and nearby just above Lock & Dam #18, as viewed from the Illinois side, a RED-NECKED GREBE, four HORNED GREBES, and a COMMON LOON were seen. In Johnson County, along the Lake MacBride trail on the 14th, a YELLOW RAIL was seen just 200 yards from the trail's east end at the Solon elementary school, and a PEREGRINE FALCON was about a mile and a half in from the Solon end of the trail. At the Hawkeye Wildlife Area, a MERLIN was spotted along Greencastle Avenue on the 14th.

In the northeast in Linn County, two female or immature SURF SCOTERS were at the Pleasant Creek Recreation Area north of Palo on the 15th.

In the northwest in Sac County, a juvenile SABINE'S GULL was still being seen at Black Hawk Lake at Lake View on the 14th.

In the central in Marshall County, nearly 300 raptors of 10 species were counted at the Grammer Grove Park hawk watch on the 13th and 14th, and they included a MERLIN and a ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK.

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## IOWA RBA UPDATE: 10/16/95

BIRDS MENTIONED: Scissor-tailed Flycatcher Surf Scoter Horned Grebe

On the 16th in the northwest in Dickinson County, Ed Thelen reported a SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER at the same location both morning and afternoon. Here are the directions: From hiway 9 at the town of Superior, go north on county road N-16 for a mile to 140th Street where you go east a mile to 330th Avenue, and then north a mile and a half where the bird was hawking insects from utility wires. For more information, call Ed Thelen at (712)336-2439.

In the northeast in Linn County, the two SURF SCOTERS were still present at Pleasant Creek Recreation Area, and in Cedar Rapids, a HORNED GREBE was at Cedar Lake.

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