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ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> IN THE CENTRAL IN BOONE CO, THERE WERE 14 SPECIES OF SHOREBIRDS AT NARVER MARSH SOUTH OF OGDEN, INCLUDING RED-NECKED PHALAROPE, PIPING PLOVER, SANDERLING, PLUS A MERLIN WHILE AT THE Saylorville WMA 3 MILES SW OF BOONE, OSFL AND PUNN WERE SEEN.

ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> IN JASPER COUNTY, 3 SANDHILL CRANES WERE AT WALNUT CREEK NWR. ~~near~~

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Birds Mentioned:

ROSEATE SPOONBILL

Snowy Egret

Little Blue Heron

Yellow-crowned Night Heron

Ibis (Sp.)

Pacific Loon

Great Egret

Great Blue Heron

Black-crowned Night Heron

Cattle Egret

Great-tailed Grackle

Least Bittern

Buff-breasted Sandpiper

Swainson's Hawk

Ruddy Turnstone

Sanderling

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. There are a large number of shorebirds passing through the state at present, and a couple of the locations that have been good recently include the Riverton Area in Fremont County, Dunbar Slough in Greene County, and Harrier Marsh in Boone County. Passerines, including some warblers have also begun to move. The week's best birds are ROSEATE SPOONBILL, Snowy Egret, Little Blue Heron, and Yellow-crowned Night Heron in the southwest, Ibis (Sp.) in the central, and Pacific Loon in the northwest.

In the southwest in Fremont County, the juvenile ROSEATE SPOONBILL was seen east of Nebraska City on the 13th, both in the morning, when it flew out of the roost at 6:12 AM, which is well before sunrise, and again in the evening, when it flew back into the roost. This large heron roost is located in a line of willow trees about 100-200 yards south of highway 2, near where county road L-31 intersects. We have had no reports either way about this bird since the 13th. This would be a second state record. Other birds seen on the 13th in the large wet area east of Nebraska City, included SNOWY EGRET, LITTLE BLUE HERON, YELLOW-CROWNED and BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS, CATTLE EGRET, and numerous GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES. There was also a LEAST BITTERN seen along the west side of county road L-30 near a culvert about two miles north of old highway 2, and at the Riverton Area, four BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS were found on the main pool on the 13th.

In the central in Boone County, an IBIS(Sp.) was found on the main pool at Harrier Marsh south of Ogden on the 15th.

In the northwest in Dickinson County, the last report of the PACIFIC LOON at Big Spirit Lake came from the 11th when it was seen at Crandall's Beach in the far northwest corner of the lake.

In the north-central in Cerro Gordo County, SWAINSON'S HAWKS have been present all summer north of Mason City near the Lime Creek Nature Center, and on the 15th, three were seen flying over Blackmore Nursery on the east side of highway 65, less than a mile from the entrance to Lime Creek.

In the southeast in Des Moines County, twelve RUDDY TURNSTONES and a SANDERLING were seen from the Casey-Barrow Access to the Mississippi River about ten miles north of Burlington on the 17th.

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