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BIRDS MENTIONED: Red Crossbill Red-necked Phalarope Little Blue Heron Snowy Egret Piping Plover Least Tern Cattle Egret Yellow-throated Warbler Olive-sided Flycatcher Buff-breasted Sandpiper Black-bellied Plover Sanderling Stilt Sandpiper Black-crowned Night Heron Virginia Rail Ruddy Shelduck (Exotic) Common Moorhen Red-breasted Nuthatch Ringed Turtle Dove (Exotic)

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star. There was still one RED CROSSBILL report last week from the northwest part of the state. In Laurens, the Richard DeJongs still had five birds at their feeder. Other highlights were RED-NECKED PHALAROPE, LITTLE BLUE HERON, and SNOWY EGRET in the southeast, PIPING PLOVER and LEAST TERN in the southwest, and RED-NECKED PHALAROPE in the central.

In the southeast in Des Moines County, a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE was seen on the 17th and 18th at Casey-Barrow Public Landing on the Mississippi River about ten miles north of Burlington. Other birds there on the 18th were BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER and SANDERLING. And not far away, two CATTLE EGRETS were at a small pond along 40th Avenue, just north of 170th Street on the 16th. In Wayne County, three LITTLE BLUE HERONS were at the Colyn Area on the 17th. For more information, call Aaron Brees at (515) 872-1602. In Lee County, three more LITTLE BLUE HERONS and two SNOWY EGRETS were at the Heron Bend Conservation Area, which is east off hiway 61 about three miles north of Montrose. In Marion County, a YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER and OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER were seen at the Howell Station campground below the Red Rock Reservoir Dam, and four BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS were found at the Boxcars Area of the Red Rock Reservoir, all on the 15th. In the Runnells area, there are large numbers of gulls, herons, and shorebirds in the area of the overlook off hiway 316 near Swan, and among them on the 16th were BLACK-BELLIED PLOVERS and STILT SANDPIPERS.

In the southwest in Pottawattamie County, birds sighted at the MidAmerican Energy Cos. south settling ponds on the 13th included a BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER, two PIPING PLOVERS, and ten LEAST TERNS.

In the central, in Polk County, a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE and seven BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS were at the beach of the Sandpiper Recreation Area of the Saylorville Reservoir on the 15th. In Story County, a RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH was already visiting a feeder in Ames on the 11th, and in Jasper County, Joan Van Gorp has had an exotic RINGED TURTLE DOVE at her feeder in Prairie City for the past two months. If interested, you can call Joan at (515)994-2918.

In the northwest in Cerro Gordo County on the 16th, two BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS and a VIRGINIA RAIL were at Zirbel Slough on the north side of the road, while an exotic RUDDY SHELDUCK was on the south side of the road on the pond nearest I-35. In Monona County, six COMMON MOORHENS were observed at Blue Lake on the 13th.

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