

UPDATE IOWA RBA: 9/25/96

BIRDS MENTIONED:

White-winged Scoter

Franklin's Gull

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow

Red-breasted Nuthatch

On the 25th in the north-central in Cerro Gordo County, there were as many as 50 WHITE-WINGED SCOTERS and thousands of FRANKLIN'S GULLS seen at Clear Lake.

On the 24th, in the central in Greene County, NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROWS were found at Snake Creek Marsh, two miles northeast of Rippey.

On the 23rd in the southeast, Jim Scheib who lives north of Iowa City, had a RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH at his feeder.

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BIRDS MENTIONED:

Yellow Rail
Marbled Godwit
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow
LeConte's Sparrow
Peregrine Falcon
Merlin
Northern Harrier
Osprey
American Golden Plover
Black-bellied Plover
Long-billed Dowitcher
Stilt Sandpiper
Sanderling
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Common Loon

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In the central in Greene County, a YELLOW RAIL was seen about 300 yards north of the parking lot at Snake Creek Marsh, which is two miles northeast of Rippey, on the 19th. The IOU field trip to Snake Creek on the 21st found LECONTE'S and NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROWS, PEREGRINE FALCON, MERLIN, and NORTHERN HARRIER, but no YELLOW RAIL. In Tama County, SHARP-TAILED SPARROWS were found at the east end of the south dike at Otter Creek Marsh on the 22nd. In Hardin County, two OSPREYS were still at Briggs Woods Lake, three miles south of Webster City, on the 22nd.

In the northwest in Kossuth County, among the 12 species of shorebirds sighted at the north end of Union Slough NWR on the 22nd were MARBLED GODWIT, AMERICAN GOLDEN and BLACK-BELLIED PLOVERS, LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER, and STILT SANDPIPER.

In the southeast in Johnson County on the 22nd, a BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER was at Swan Lake, and a SANDERLING was along Greencastle Avenue north of the Swan Lake Road, while in Iowa County, NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROWS were at the east end of the Amana Lily Lake. At Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City, a female BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER was along the trail between the south canyon and the triangle on the 20th. In Appanoose County, BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS were on the peninsula at Lake Rathbun on the 19th, but were gone the next day. In Des Moines County, two SANDERLINGS and an OSPREY were observed at Casey-Barrow Public Landing on the Mississippi River, about ten miles north of Burlington, on the 20th.

In the northeast in Linn County, a COMMON LOON was at Pleasant Creek Recreation

Area north of Palo, on the 20th.

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