

TO SKIP

ON THE 24TH IN THE SOUTHWEST IN MARION COUNTY
AT THE RED ROCK RESERVOIR AREA, AN ADULT
SABINE'S GULL WAS SEEN FLYING BACK & FORTH
OFF WHITEREAST POINT. LOOK FOR THE 3-TONED
UPPERWING AND FULL ^{DRY} HOOD. ALSO OFF WHITEREAST
POINT WERE 2 ADULT MALE WWC AND 7 NOB.
AN IMM. CREG WAS BELOW THE RED ROCK DAM,
AND AT THE NORTH END OF ROBERTS CREEK
LAKE, THERE WERE 6 SPECIES OF SHREWBIRD,
INCLUDING BBPL AND BOSP.

ON THE 23RD IN THE NE IN BLACK HAWK CO.
A NOBR WAS JUST OFF THE BOAT RAMP AT
GEORGE WYTH S.P.

ON THE 25TH IN AN UPDATE, THE SABINE'S
GULL WAS SEEN AGAIN OFF WHITEREAST
POINT AT THE RED ROCK RESERVOIR ABOUT MID DAY
BUT NOT LATER IN THE AFTERNOON

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BIRDS MENTIONED:

Surf Scoter
Western Grebe
White-winged Scoter
Prairie Falcon
Red Phalarope
Horned Grebe
American Avocet
Black-bellied Plover
Baird's Sandpiper
Long-billed Dowitcher
Dunlin
American Golden Plover
Wilson's Phalarope
Lapland Longspur
Gray Partridge
American Pipit
Spotted Towhee
Northern Saw-whet Owl

The week's highlights are SURF SCOTER and WESTERN GREBE in the northwest, and WHITE-WINGED SCOTER, PRAIRIE FALCON, and the continued presence of the RED PHALAROPE in the central.

In the northwest in Dickinson County, the immature female SURF SCOTER was still being seen along the south shore of Big Spirit Lake last week. The latest report was from the 19th, and had the bird one hundred yards off the Spirit Lake waterworks. On the 15th, there were seven HORNED GREBES at the north end of Big Spirit Lake, and at the Ketelson Wildlife Management Area, two AMERICAN AVOCETS and a BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER were seen on the 15th. In Sac County, three WESTERN GREBES were spotted at the east corner of Black Hawk Lake at Lake View on the 19th. In Kossuth County, at Union Slough NWR, 11 species of shorebirds were still present on the 20th. These included BAIRD'S SANDPIPER, LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER, DUNLIN, STILT SANDPIPER, AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER, and a very late WILSON'S PHALAROPE. Also seen there were AMERICAN PIPITS and a flock of thirty LAPLAND LONGSPURS. In Humboldt County, twelve GRAY PARTRIDGE were along hiway 17, three and a half miles south of Renwick on the 19th. In Emmett County, nine AMERICAN PIPITS were at the south end of the Ingham Wetland Complex on the 17th.

In the central at the Saylorville Reservoir in Polk County, nine WHITE-WINGED SCOTERS were observed from the Cherry Glen Recreation Area flying north on the 18th, and the RED PHALAROPE was still being seen at the beach of the Sandpiper Recreation Area through the 20th. Below the Saylorville Dam, a SPOTTED TOWHEE was around the easternmost pond on the 20th. In Poweshiek County, a PRAIRIE FALCON was a flyover along I-80 between Grinnell and Malcom on the 19th.

In the southeast in Des Moines County, Chuck Fuller was cutting brush north of

Burlington on the 16th, when he discovered an early NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL
in a cedar tree.

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ON THE 14TH IN AN UPDATE FROM POLK COUNTY AND THE
SAYLORVILLE RESERVOIR, THE RED PHALAROPE AND 4 SAND-
LINGS WERE ^{STILL} PRESENT AT THE BEACH OF SANDPIPER REC.
AREA ABOUT 9 PM, BUT WERE NOT FOUND THERE JUST
BEFORE DARK.

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ON THE 15TH IN THE NORTHWEST IN DICKINSON COUNTY,
THE SURF SCOTER WAS STILL BEING SEEN AT THE SOUTH
END OF BIG SPIRIT LAKE, AND 7 NARROW GREEBS
WERE AT THE NORTH END, WHILE AT THE KETTELSON WMA,
THERE WERE 2 AMERICAN AVOCETS AND A BLACK-
BELLED PLOVER.

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ON THE 18TH IN THE CENTRAL IN POLK COUNTY AT
THE SAYLORVILLE RESERVOIR, ~~THE RED PHALAROPE WAS
STILL IN THE SMALL POOL TO THE SOUTH OF THE BEACH,
AT THE SANDPIPER RECREATION AREA, AND 9 WHITE-WINGED
SCOTERS WERE SEEN FLYING NORTH OFF THE CHERY
GLAN AREA.~~ ^{ON THE 17TH} IN THE NORTHWEST IN EMMETT COUNTY,
9 AMERICAN PIPITS WERE AT THE SOUTH END OF
THE INGRAM WETLAND COMPLEX.

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BIRDS MENTIONED:

Red Phalarope
Surf Scoter
Sanderling
American Pipit
Black-bellied Plover
American Avocet
Franklin's Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Turkey Vulture
Peregrine Falcon
Killdeer

~~To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. The best bird this week is a RED PHALAROPE at the Saylorville Reservoir. We have had no news about the SURF SCOTER last reported from Big Spirit Lake on the 8th.~~

In the central in Polk County, Jane Clark discovered a RED PHALAROPE at the Saylorville Reservoir on the 13th. The bird was still present near dark at the beach of the Sandpiper Recreation Area. There were also four SANDERLINGS there, and on the 11th, there were AMERICAN PIPITS and BLACK-BELLIED PLOVERS at that location. AMERICAN PIPITS were also seen at the Lakeview Recreation Area on the 9th. In Jasper County, AMERICAN PIPITS were also at the north end of Rock Creek Lake on the 11th.

In the southeast in Marion County, an AMERICAN AVOCET in basic plumage was in with several thousand FRANKLIN'S and RING-BILLED GULLS at the north end of Robert's Creek Lake, at least through the 12th. In Van Buren County, 140 TURKEY VULTURES, and a PEREGRINE FALCON in hot pursuit of a KILLDEER, were observed late in the afternoon on the 12th at Ely Ford in Lacey-Keosauqua State Park.

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IN LEE COUNTY, 4 AMERICAN AVOCETS WERE AT THE NEON BEVA CONCRETE AREA OFF HIGHWAY 61 ABOUT 3 MILES NORTH OF MONTICELLO ON THE 13TH.

