

IOWA RBA: (319)338-9881 for 8/25/97

Birds Mentioned:

Osprey  
Red-breasted Nuthatch  
ROSEATE SPOONBILL  
Little Blue Heron  
Red-necked Phalarope  
Snowy Egret  
Sanderling  
Piping Plover  
Merlin  
Olive-sided Flycatcher  
Pine Warbler  
Sandhill Crane  
Stilt Sandpiper  
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

~~To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time.~~ The numbers of warblers and other migrating passerines increased noticeably this past week. There have been quite a few OSPREYS reported the past three weeks, and the three early reports of RED-BREASTED NUTHATCHES may be the first indicator of an invasion of this species. The ROSEATE SPOONBILL in Fremont County has not been reported now since the 14th, and was not seen during the flyin to the roost east of Nebraska City on the 22nd. Best birds this week are LITTLE BLUE HERON in the southeast, RED-NECKED PHALAROPE in the central and northeast, and SNOWY EGRET in the northwest.

In the southeast in Lee County, five immature LITTLE BLUE HERONS were found on a pond at the north edge of Montrose on the 21st.

In the central in Boone County, three RED-NECKED PHALAROPES were at Harrier Marsh south of Ogden on the 23rd, and on the 20th there were 14 species of shorebirds there including SANDERLING and PIPING PLOVER, as well as a MERLIN. At the Saylorville Wildlife Area, three miles southwest of Boone, OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER and PINE WARBLER were spotted on the 20th. In Jasper County, three SANDHILL CRANES were seen at the Walnut Creek NWR southwest of Prairie City on the 19th. In Story County, two RED-BREASTED NUTHATCHES were visiting an Ames feeder on the 21st.

In the northeast at Big Marsh in Butler County, four SANDHILL CRANES, 10 warbler species, and 11 shorebird species with RED-NECKED PHALAROPE and STILT SANDPIPER, and OLIVE-SIDED and YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHERS were located on the 23rd. In Linn County, a RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH was found in the town of Robins on the 22nd.

In the northwest in Dickinson County, a SNOWY EGRET was still present on the 24th on the east side of Spirit Lake in the Spring Run area, specifically in a wetland on the north side of the road, a half mile east of the intersection of 200th Street and 260th Avenue. In Ida County, eight warbler species were counted at

Morehead Park on the 23rd.

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