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FROM THE CENTER

In an update, AT LEAST 1 ECDO WAS STILL  
BEING SEEN AT CANNON ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup>. AND  
THE NORTH WINDS THIS TIME OF YEAR PROMPT  
RAPTOR MIGRATION AND SO THE MARSHIDE  
RAPTOR CENTER <sup>WAS</sup> COUNTED NEARLY A THOUSAND  
<sup>PASS OVER THE CANAL</sup>  
BW HAWKS, ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup>.

IOWA RBA: (319)338-9881 for 9/22/97

Birds Mentioned:

American Bittern  
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow  
EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE  
LARK BUNTING  
Red-Necked Phalarope  
Evening Grosbeak  
LeConte's Sparrow

~~To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time.~~ The IOU fall meeting was conducted this past weekend, and field trips on the 20th and 21st in the Iowa City-Cedar Rapids area produced a total of 131 species, including 15 warblers. The best birds were AMERICAN BITTERN and NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROWS, both found at the Sandy Beach area of the Coralville Reservoir. The week's highlights include LARK BUNTING and RED-NECKED PHALAROPE in the northwest, the continuation of the EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES in the central, and EVENING GROSBEEK in the southeast.

In the northwest in Woodbury County, Jerry Probst found an incredible flock of 200 migrating LARK BUNTINGS at Bacon Creek Park in the east part of Sioux City early the morning of the 19th, but they had moved on within ten minutes, and have not been seen again. This species has not been reported in the state for several years. In Kossuth County, a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE and NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROWS were found at Union Slough NWR on the 18th.

In the central in Poweshiek County, EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES were still present at Grinnell, as 1-2 were seen by several observers on the 19th and 20th. To look for these birds, from highway 146 at the north edge of Grinnell, go east on 16th Street until you see the country club golf course on the south side of the road. Then listen and look for the birds in the next quarter mile. In Greene County, NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED and LECONTE'S SPARROWS were spotted at Snake Creek Marsh, two miles north of Rippey, on the 20th. They were in the area west of the parking lot.

In the southeast in Johnson County, Julie Hayek reports that a male EVENING GROSBEEK visited her feeder at Iowa City once on the 13th, and a week later on the 20th put in another appearance in her yard. You can call Julie for more information at (319)351-4932.

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