

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 for 8/17/98

Birds Mentioned:

BROAD WINGED HAWKS  
MERLIN  
ROUGH LEGGED HAWKS  
YELLOW BELLIED SAPSUCKER  
SUMMER TANAGER  
EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE  
PINE WARBLER  
IBIS SPECIES

Welcome to the Birdline of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union for Monday, September 21 at 10:00 pm. To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time.

There have been no new reports on the mystery hummingbird in Des Moines this week although there have been several reports of small brown hummingbirds with striped backs that actually are sphynx moths which seem to be very plentiful at this time.

The raptor migration continues in earnest with a report from Dave Conrads in Johnson County that on the 16th he saw the best raptor flight ever seen at the MacBride Nature and Recreation Area, with 8 hawk species, which included 3000 BROAD WINGED HAWKS and a MERLIN. On the 18th also in Johnson County 60 ROUGH LEGGED HAWKS were reported to be roosting in Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City.

On the 19th at PrairieWoods Retreat in Hiawatha in Linn County there was an early YELLOW BELLIED SAPSUCKER. Also on the 19th but in the central part of the state at Ledges State Park there were six warbler species and a male SUMMER TANAGER. Mark Proescholdt reported two EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES on the wires at the Grinnell Golf Course on the 17th.

In the southeast on the 19th there were 10 warbler species including a PINE WARBLER at Starr's Cave Preserve at Burlington.

In the northwest an IMMATURE IBIS SPECIES was seen at the north edge of Pickrel Lake SE of Webb in Clay County on the 15th.

If you would like information about becoming a member of the Iowa Ornithologist's Union or would like to make a report, leave the date, your name, your phone number, and message after the beep.

Thank you and good birding.

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