

BIRDS MENTIONED:  
BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER  
MERLIN  
BLACK-CROWNED NIGHTHERON  
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER

UPDATE 8/19/98  
@ 9 PM

ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> IN THE SOUTHEAST IN JOHNSON  
COUNTY AT THE HAWKEYE WILDLIFE AREA, 4  
BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS AND A MERLIN WERE ALONG  
THE BABCOCK ACCESS ROAD AND ABOUT A MILE IN  
ON THE HANGING ROCK ACCESS, <sup>THERE WERE</sup> 2 BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT  
HERONS AND A STILL SINGING PROTHONOTARY WARBLER

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 8/18/98 @ 10:30 PM

Birds Mentioned:

Egyptian Goose (Exotic)

Golden-winged Warbler

On the 18th in the southeast in Louisa County, a pair of EGYPTIAN GEESE has been present the past two days at the Schafer Access of Lake Odessa. In Johnson County, a GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER was at Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City.

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Birds Mentioned:

Common Tern

Black-bellied Plover

Northern Mockingbird

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In the southeast in Des Moines County, a juvenile COMMON TERN and a  
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER were seen on the 16th at the Casey-Barrow  
Mississippi River Access about ten miles north of Burlington. In Muscatine  
County, a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was along the road to Kilpeck Landing  
just across from the main entrance to the Louisa-Muscatine generating  
station.

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Birds Mentioned:

Red-necked Phalarope  
Snowy Egret  
Piping Plover  
Little Blue Heron  
Sanderling  
Buff-breasted Sandpiper  
Golden-winged Warbler  
Philadelphia Vireo  
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher  
Stilt Sandpiper  
Short-billed Dowitcher  
Piping Plover  
Black-billed Cuckoo  
Bell's Vireo  
American Golden Plover  
Common Loon  
Yellow-throated Warbler  
Olive-sided Flycatcher  
American Avocet  
Great Egret  
Cattle Egret  
Common Moorhen  
American White Pelican  
Black-crowned Night Heron  
Peregrine Falcon  
Bay-breasted Warbler

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. Things are really starting to happen. Passerine migration has begun in earnest, and in the right habitat, shorebirds and post-breeding dispersal wading birds are being found. The highlights this week include RED-NECKED PHALAROPE in the central, SNOWY EGRET, RED-NECKED

PHALAROPE, and PIPING PLOVER in the southeast, and LITTLE BLUE HERON and SNOWY EGRET in the southwest.

In the central in Polk County, there were 13 species of shorebirds at the Saylorville Reservoir on the 16th with RED-NECKED PHALAROPE at the beach of the Sandpiper Recreation Area, where there had been six BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS on the 15th, and a SANDERLING was at the Polk City Wildlife Area. In Boone County, eight WARBLERS including GOLDEN-WINGED and four VIREOS with PHILADELPHIA were at the Ledges State Park on the 15th, and in Marshall County 13 WARBLER species were at Grammer Grove Park on the 15th. In Madison County, Eugene and Elsie Armstrong didn't move from their easy chairs and spotted eight WARBLER species and a YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER in their farmyard south of Booneville on the 15th.

In the southeast in Johnson County, shorebird habitat is excellent at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area of the Coralville Reservoir, and 15 species were seen there on the 15th. They included up to 17 BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS in the corn stubble west of the Babcock Access Road, and a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE to the east of the same road. There were also numerous STILT SANDPIPERS and SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHERS there. It takes a long walk to reach the Sand Point area, but on the 15th on an island there, PIPING PLOVER and SANDERLING were sighted, and a BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO was seen on the walk out. All these roads lead north from the Swan Lake Road west of hiway 965. The COMMON LOON was still at the S & G Quarry along the Sand Road at the south edge of Iowa City on the 15th, and the YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER was still present on the 11th along a trail that begins near the boat ramp by the entrance to the Cottage Reserve Area at Lake MacBride State Park. In Lee County, a SNOWY EGRET and 40 WHITE PELICANS were observed on the 16th at the Heron Bend Conservation Area, which is east off hiway 61 about three miles north of Montrose. On the 11th, two BELL'S VIREOS and ten species of shorebird were at the Boxcars Boat Ramp of the Red Rock Reservoir. This location is found by going south of Monroe on hiway 14 for three miles, and then west on gravel six miles.

In the southwest in Fremont County, a large heron roost at Forney Lake monitored on the 11th counted the incoming birds and netted 138 GREAT

EGRETS, 72 CATTLE EGRETS, 32 SNOWY EGRETS, and 15 LITTLE BLUE HERONS. There were also 23 BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS, a COMMON MOORHEN, and 110 WHITE PELICANS seen around the lake. At the Riverton Area on the 15th, three AMERICAN AVOCETS and an OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER were present, while on the 16th in Mills County, WARBLERS and an OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER were at West Oak Forest.

In the northwest in Ida County, a PEREGRINE FALCON was observed flying along a gravel road just west of Morehead Park near Ida Grove on the 14th. In Dickinson County, ten species of WARBLERS, including BAY-BREASTED, were seen at Mini-Waken State Park on the 16th.

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were seen at Mini-Market in Dickinson County ten miles west of Dows, Iowa on the road along a gravel road just west of Dows, Iowa on the road in the northwest in Iowa County. A PEREGRINE FALCON was observed flying

and an OJIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER were at West Oak Forest. FLYCATCHER were present while on the road in Iowa County. A BROWN THRASHER was on the road near AMERICAN AVOCETS and an OJIVE-SIDED WOODPECKER and TWO WHITE BELLIED SWALLOWS were on the lake at the Bluebonnet. There were also 22 BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS, 2 COMMON EGRETS, 22 WHITE EGRETS, 22 ANONYMUS EGRETS and 12 WHITE BIRDS.