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**Subject:** IOWA RBA Update 6/17/99

IOWA RBA (3198)338-9881 Update for 6/17/99 @ 11 PM

**Birds Mentioned:**

Sandhill Crane  
Bell's Vireo  
Upland Sandpiper  
Northern Mockingbird  
Henslow's Sparrow  
Orchard Oriole  
Red-necked Grebe  
Snow Goose  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
Yellow-crowned Night Heron  
Prothonotary Warbler

On the 17th in the northeast in Winneshiek County, the two SANDHILL CRANES that have been at Cardinal Marsh since late March are still present. There was also a singing BELL'S VIREO there. In the southeast in Iowa County, two UPLAND SANDPIPERS were seen along W Avenue about a half mile south of Homestead, and the NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD and HENSLOW'S SPARROWS were still being seen southwest of the Marengo exit of I-80. BELL'S VIREOS and ORCHARD ORIOLES were also seen in the same area.

On the 16th in the central in Story County, the RED-NECKED GREBES were still being seen at one of the Colo Ponds, where there are also SNOW GEESE..

On the 15th in the central in Boone County, two YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKERS were at the Y Camp north of Boone. One has hammering on a metal light fixture around the swimming pool.

On the 14th in the southeast in Des Moines County, a YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON was seen once again along the Sullivan Slough Road south of Burlington. There were also three PROTHONOTARY WARBLERS in that area.

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Subject: IOWA RBA 6/14/99

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Week's Report of 6/14/99

### Birds Mentioned:

Red-necked Grebe  
Mississippi Kite  
Eurasian Collared Dove  
Yellow-crowned Night Heron  
Northern Bobwhite  
Least Bittern  
Henslow's Sparrow  
Northern Mockingbird  
Blue Grosbeak  
Chukar (Exotic)  
Virginia Rail  
Pine Siskin  
Swainson's Hawk  
Red-shouldered Hawk

The best birds this week include RED-NECKED GREBE, MISSISSIPPI KITE, and EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE in the central, and YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON in the southeast.

In the central in Story County, there are now six RED-NECKED GREBES, all in basic plumage, on one of the Colo Ponds. From Colo, go east three miles, and turn south on gravel, cross the RR tracks, and look at the marsh to the west. Viewing is best from the dike. Do not go down the road by the RR tracks. In Polk County, MISSISSIPPI KITES were first seen flying over the Greenwood Park area in Des Moines on May 21, and have been seen several times since. They are ceratinly not as regular as in past years, so probably are nesting at a different location. BOBWHITE are relatively common in the southern two tiers of counties, but one reported on the 13th from a backyard near Waukee is a little unusual. In Poweshiek County, four EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES seen on the 13th at their acustomed location along 16th Avenue in Grinnell at the north edge of the country club golf course. This area is reached from hiway 146 at the north edge of Grinnell, by going east on 16th Avenue. In Tama County, three LEAST BITTERNs were seen and four others were heard at Otter Creek Marsh on the 13th.

In the southeast in Des Moines County, two YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS were still being seen south of Burlington, as late as the 9th. The birds were seen along Sullivan Slough Road where high waters from the Mississippi River prevent further travel. Sullivan Slough Road goes past the entrance to the IES generating station and exits Summer Street Road about two miles south of the Burlington Municipal Airport. In Iowa County, HENSLOW'S SPARROWS continue to be seen in a field about six miles southwest of the Marengo exit to I-80 and a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was also in the area on the 12th. From I-80 exit 216, go south two miles to 240th Street, then west three miles to J Avenue. Then turn south one mile to 250th Street which turns south after a half mile and becomes I Avenue. The MOCKINGBIRD was in a dead tree out in the field along 250th Street 0.4-0.5 miles west of J. The HENSLOW'S SPARROWS are found in a field which is east of I Avenue across the road from a gray pole barn. Walk into the field and follow the lane east and a little north about 300 yards. In Appanoose County, a BLUE GROSBEAK was found on the 12th north of Unionville. The exact location is along County Road T-61 in a creek bottom about 1/8 mile north of 331rst. In Marion County, the exotic of the week is a CHUKAR, seen on the 8th at the east end of the Vermeer Mfg. complex east of Pella.

In the northwest in Worth County, two LEAST BITTERNs and a VIRGINIA RAIL were observed on the 13th at Silver Lake Marsh WMA, which is very close to the Minnesota border on the north side of the gravel road that runs along the north side of Silver Lake. In Kossuth County, Matt Kenne reports probable nesting of PINE SISKINS at Riverview Cemetery in Algona.

In the northeast in Black Hawk County, a SWAINSON'S HAWK was seen on the 13th flying along hiway 218 about a mile north of its junction with hiway 58. It was likely one of the birds nesting at the Hartman Reserve in Cedar Falls, where RED-SHOULDERED HAWKS also have been nesting,

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- Red-necked Hawk
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Blue Jay
- Yellow Warbler
- Starling (Europe)
- Blue Jay
- Mockingbird
- House Sparrow
- Great Tit
- Mockingbird
- Yellow-crowned Night Heron
- Eastern Screech Owl
- Mississippi Kite
- Red-necked Grebe
- Birds Nesting

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**Subject:** IOWA RBA: Update 6/25/99

IOWA RBA (3198)338-9881 Update for 6/25/99 @ 10 PM

**Birds Mentioned:**

Least Bittern  
American Bittern  
Common Moorhen  
Willow Flycatcher  
River Otter (Mammal)  
Least Tern  
Piping Plover

On the 25th in the central in Tama County, the northwest pool at Otter Creek Marsh was the site of five LEAST BITTERNs, one AMERICAN BITTERN, one COMMON MOORHEN, and a WILLOW FLYCATCHER, as well as appropriately four RIVER OTTERS. The northwest pool can be reached by hiking in from the northwest parking lot, the road to which leaves hiway 30 just west of its intersection with County Road E-66.

On the 22nd in the southwest in Pottawattamie County, one LEAST TERN and two PIPING PLOVER were observed at the south settling pond of the MidAmerican Energy Co. south of Council Bluffs.

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Subject: IOWA RBA 6/21/99

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### Birds Mentioned:

Lesser Yellowlegs  
Semipalmated Plover  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
Red-necked Grebe (Not)  
Hooded Merganser  
Yellow-crowned Night Heron  
Eurasian Collared Dove  
Northern Mockingbird  
Henslow's Sparrow  
Kentucky Warbler  
Acadian Flycatcher  
Yellow-throated Warbler  
Piping Plover  
Least Tern  
Peregrine Falcon  
Western Kingbird  
Blue Grosbeak  
Chuck-wills-widow  
Least Bittern  
Sandhill Crane  
Greater Scaup  
Virginia Rail

It is interesting to note that there were reports of LESSER YELLOWLEGS at two locations and SEMIPLAMATED PLOVER this past week. Would suspect that these are returning shorebirds, rather than late migrants. Also noteworthy were the YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKERS reported in Johnson and Boone Counties. These birds are known to nest in the NE corner of the state, but not in the central and SE. In addition, the RED-NECKED GREBES in basic plumage reported at the Colo Ponds in Story County turned out to be HOODED MERGANSERS. The week's best birds are YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON in the southeast and EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE in the central.

In the southeast in Des Moines County, one YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON was seen once again along Sullivan's Slough Road south of Burlington on the 14th To reach this area, proceed on Summer St. Rd. about 2 miles past the Municipal Airport and turn south on Sullivan Slough, proceed past the electric generating plant, and look for the herons in ditches and backwaters of the Mississippi River along the road. In Iowa County, both NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRDS and HENSLOW'S SPARROWS were seen again southwest of the Marengo exit to I-80. From exit 216 of I-80, go south two miles, then west on 240th three miles, then south one mile, and then west on 250th. The Mockingbirds were seen where 250th turns south and turns into I Avenue. The Sparrows were found in the field east of where there is a gray pole barn on the west side of I Avenue. UPLAND SANDPIPERS have been located along W Avenue about a half mile south of Homestead. HENSLOW'S SPARROWS were found in four different fields south and west of Lacey-Keosauqua SP, and KENTUCKY WARBLER, ACADIAN FLYCATCHER, and YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER were at Lacey-Keosauqua itself on the 14th. In Johnson County, a KENTUCKY WARBLER was seen at Frytown Conservation Area which is off hiway 1 a mile north of the Frytown exit, on the 20th.

In the central in Poweshiek County, EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES were still present at the usual location at Grinnell along 16th Avenue at the north edge of the country club golf course on the 15th. In Tama County a SANDHILL CRANE was seen at Otter Creek Marsh on the 15th.

In the southwest in Pottawattamie County, as many as 6 PIPING PLOVER and two LEAST TERNS were seen on several occasions last week at the MidAmerican Energy south settling ponds south of Council Bluffs. A PEREGRINE FALCON was also spotted there on the 14th, and this is also a good place to find WESTERN KINGBIRD. BLUE GROSBEAKS were rather common in Mills and Fremont Counties, with a couple of good locations south of Bartlett and along the bluff

road between Forney Lake and hiway 2. Also in Fremont County, two CHUCK-WILLS WIDOWS were heard at the usual location which is found by taking County Road L-44 north a mile and a half from hiway 2, and then turning east and listening after a quarter mile. A surprise was a YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER in sycamore trees in the campground at Waubonsie SP on the 14th. Just east of Nebraska City, a LEAST BITTERN was found along County Road L-31, a mile north of old hiway 2 on the 20th.

In the northeast, two SANDHILL CRANES that have been present at Cardinal Marsh in Winneshiek County since late March, were still there on the 17th.

In the northwest in Cerro Gordo County, a GREATER SCAUP was sighted at the McIntosh WA north of Clear Lake on the 17th. In Worth County, a VIRGINIA RAIL was seen at the Silver Lake WMA which is north of the gravel road that runs along the north side of Silver lake on the 17th, and in Hancock County, two SANDHILL CRANES and a VIRGINIA RAIL were spotted at Eagle Lake on the 17th.

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