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Subject: IOWA RBA: Update for 10/1/98

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881) Update for 10/198 @ 10 PM

Birds Mentioned:
Swainson's Hawk
Prairie Falcon
Peregrine Falcon
Merlin
Golden Eagle

① On the morning of September 29, a lightning strike at my home fried both my home computer and the message recording function of the Birdline machine. If you have tried to leave a message on the Birdline in the past couple of days, please repeat it now. However, it may be a week before I will have a computer and email back online.

③ In birding news from the 1st in the central in Marshall County, the hawk watch at Grammer Grove Park reported 13 raptor species, including SWAINSON'S HAWK, PRAIRIE FALCON, PEREGRINE FALCON, and MERLIN. In Boone County, an immature GOLDEN EAGLE was spotted near the Y camp north of Boone.

④ On the 30th, twelve SWAINSON'S HAWKS were seen on the ground in a field in Dallas County.

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 for 9/28/98

Birds Mentioned:

Winter Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Amazilia Hummingbird
Red-shouldered Hawk
Yellow Rail
LeConte's Sparrow
Sharp-tailed Sparrow
Rusty Blackbird
Eurasian Collared Dove
Broad-winged Hawk
Peregrine Falcon
Merlin

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To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. With most of the warbler migration completed, sparrows are starting to appear, and we had reports of WINTER WREN and GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLETS last week.

All the news this week came from the central part of the state. The identity of the mystery hummingbird at Des Moines has been confirmed as an AMAZILIA HUMMINGBIRD, which apparently is an escape from the Des Moines Botanical Center. The bird was still being seen at least through the 22nd at the home of Don and Carole Stolz, 512 SW 60th Street. Elsewhere in Polk County, a RED-SHOULDERED HAWK was sighted along I-35 in the area of the Dale Moffitt Reservoir on the 27th. Elsewhere in the central, the IOU field trip to Snake Creek Marsh in Greene County north of Rippey came up with four YELLOW RAILS, about 50 LECONTE'S SPARROWS, SHARP-TAILED SPARROWS, and two early RUSTY BLACKBIRDS. In Poweshiek County, three EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES were still being seen at Grinnell on the 24th, over a year after their discovery there. They were seen on utility wires along 16th Avenue on the north edge of the country club golf course. In Marshall County, of the 168 hawks that passed over the watch site at Grammer Grove Park on the 23rd, there were 90 BROAD-WINGED HAWKS and a PEREGRINE FALCON. In Boone County, another PEREGRINE FALCON was spotted near the Kate Shelley Bridge west of Boone on the 26th, while in Story County a MERLIN was observed at the north edge of Ames on the 21st. In Hamilton County, a SHARP-TAILED SPARROW was found at Bjorkaboda Marsh on the 21st.

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Birds Mentioned:
Peregrine Falcon
Merlin
Laughing Gull
Yellow Rail

5 In news received the 28th, in the northeast, at the hawk watch at Effigy Mounds National Monument in Allamakee County on the 26th, an amazing 11 PEREGRINE FALCONS and a MERLIN were sighted, while another MERLIN was at Cardinal Marsh in Winneshiek County on the 28th.

We also received two late reports of good birds, both from the southeast, where a juvenile LAUGHING GULL was spotted below the Red Rock Reservoir dam on the 16th, and a YELLOW RAIL was seen in a marshy area at the S & G Quarry, along the Sand Road at the south edge of Iowa City on the 20th.

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2 ON THE 3RD EARLY THIS MORNING IN BUENA VISTA COUNTY
A JUVENILE SABINE'S GULL WAS ~~SEEN FROM~~ ^{FOUND}
~~STATENQUA PARK~~ ^{AT} STORM LAKE. IT WAS
SEEN BY ~~FROM~~ CHATAUGUA PARK BY PARKING BY THE
ANCHOR AND LOOKING SOUTH OVER THE LAKE

IN THE SE IN JOHNSON COUNTY A LATE FEMALE
PICKWISSEL WAS SEEN ALONG COUNTRY LAKE AT
THE SOUTH EDGE OF IOWA CITY.

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and road at the south edge of Iowa City on the 50th
1st, and a YELLOW RAIL was seen in a marshy area at the 2 & C Street, along the
Ivanhoe LAUNCHING BRIG was spotted below the Red Rock Reservoir dam on the
We also received two late reports of Black birds, both from the south side, where a

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in Muscatine County on the 50th
FALCONS and a HERON were spotted near the south side of the
National Monument in Allamakee County on the 50th, an amazing 11 HERONS
in Iowa received the 50th in the mountains, at the hawk watch at Eagle Mountain

Yellow Rail
Laughing Gull
Mallard
Peregrine Falcon
Baldpate