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**Subject:** IOWA RBA Update 5/26/99

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 5/26/99 @ 11 PM

**Birds Mentioned:**

Least Tern  
Piping Plover  
Sanderling  
Eared Grebe  
Dunlin  
Hudsonian Godwit  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Red-necked Phalarope  
Bewick's Wren  
Western Grebe  
Clark's Grebe  
Little Blue Heron  
Trumpeter Swan

On the 26th in the southwest in Pottawattamie County, two LEAST TERNS, 6 PIPING PLOVER, and a large flock of SANDERLINGS was present at the MidAmerican Energy Cos. south settling pond. In Fremont County, 3 EARED GREBES were seen at Forney Lake, and a very large flock of DUNLIN and three HUDSONIAN GODWITS were at the north end of the Riverton Area. In the central, 2 RUDDY TURNSTONES and an HUDSONIAN GODWIT were at Errington Marsh south of Elkhart, and a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE was at that location on the 25th. In the southeast in Lee County, the BEWICK'S WREN was still being seen at the junkyard along Belfast Road about three and a half milkes northwest of Argyle.

On the 25th in the southwest in Monona County, it was a four GREBE day at South Blue Lake. A WESTERN GREBE was along hiway 175, while the CLARK'S GREBE and an EARED GREBE were seen along the west side of the lake, by taking the first gravel south off hiway 175 after passing the entrance to Lewis and Clark SP, then taking the first road east, and where that road turns south, scan the lake. There was also an adult LITTLE BLUE HERON there. In Black Hawk County, 3 TRUMPETER SWANS were northeast of Waterloo in a flooded field on the northeast corner of County Road C-66 and Wagner Road.

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**Subject:** IOWA RBA Upadte 5/24/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-988 Update for 5/24/99 @ 10 PM

Birds mentioned:  
Worm-eating Warbler  
Acadian Flycatcher  
Alder Flycatcher

On the 24th in the southeast in Muscatine County, a WORM-EATING WARBLER and ACADIAN FLYCATCHER were at the Cedar Bluffs WA, and in Johnson County, an ALDER FLYCATCHER was in the northeast part of Hickory Hill Park at Iowa City.

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Week's Report of 5/24/99

### Birds Mentioned:

Clark's Grebe  
Snowy Egret  
Mississippi Kite  
Prairie Warbler  
Peregrine Falcon  
Least Bittern  
Chuck-wills Widow  
Eared Grebe  
Common Moorhen  
Buff-breasted Sandpiper  
Cattle Egret  
Sanderling  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Piping Plover  
Western Kingbird  
Hooded Warbler  
Northern Goshawk  
Mourning Warbler  
Connecticut Warbler  
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher  
Alder Flycatcher  
Swainson's Hawk  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
Yellow Rail

It seems that this spring we have had a lot of overshoots. Earlier it was WORM-EATING and HOODED WARBLERS, and WHITE-EYED VIREOS. This past week it has been PRAIRIE WARBLER. The week's highlights include CLARK'S and WESTERN GREBES and SNOWY EGRET in the southwest, MISSISSIPPI KITE and PRAIRIE WARBLER in the southeast, PRAIRIE WARBLER in the northeast, and YELLOW RAIL in the northwest. Birds that continue in southern Minnesota include SWALLOW-TAILED KITE in Rice County, and ROCK WREN in Houston County, just a mile and a half over the Iowa border.

In the southwest in Monona County, a CLARK'S GREBE and three WESTERN GREBES first discovered at South Blue Lake on the 21st were still being seen there on the 23rd. From the hiway 175 exit of I-29 near Onawa, go west on 175 to the first gravel road south after Lewis and Clark SP and take the first turn right, and then go east to where the road turns south, and at that corner scan the lake. A LEAST BITTERN was also seen at S. Blue Lake on the 23rd. A PEREGRINE FALCON was seen chasing a KILLDEER along hiway 175 two miles south of Turin. In Fremont County, the CHUCK-WILLS WIDOWS can be heard at their traditional location in the loess hills at dusk and before dawn. From hiway 2 take County Road L-44 north for one and a half miles, where you turn east and after a quarter mile stop and listen. At Forney Lake, 12 EARED GREBES and two COMMON MOORHENS were observed on the 22nd. Three BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS were spotted in a flooded field along County Road L-31 just south of Bartlett on the 22nd. At the Waubonsie WA east of Nebraska City, two CATTLE EGRETS were seen on the 23rd. In Harrison County, two SNOWY EGRETS were seen along I-29 near mile marker #83 on the 22nd. In Pottawattamie County at the MidAmerican Energy Cos. north settling pond, an AMERICAN AVOCET and three EARED GREBES were present on the 22nd, while at the south pond a BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER, SANDERLING, RUDDY TURNSTONE and seven PIPING PLOVER were seen on the 19th, but only the SANDERLING and 8 PIPING PLOVER remained on the 23rd. WESTERN KINGBIRDS were also in the area of the south pond.

In the southeast in Henry County, a MISSISSIPPI KITE was a flyover of the campground area at Geode SP on the 21st. In Warren County, the PRAIRIE WARBLER that was singing at the Hooper Game Area at the south end of Ahquabi SP on the 21st could not be relocated on the 22nd. The two HOODED WARBLERS were still singing along the lake trail in

the southwest part of Ahquabi SP on the 23rd. In Mahaska County, a CATTLE EGRET was at Lake Keomah SP on the 23rd. In Lucas County, a very late NORTHERN GOSHAWK was seen at the Lucas unit of Shimek SF on the 20th. In Johnson County MOURNING, CONNECITCUT and HOODED WARBLERS, as well as YELLOW-BELLIED and ALDER FLYCATCHERS were at Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City on the 18th and a WHITE-EYED VIREO was seen at Red Bird Farm Natural Area along the Black Diamond Road southwest of Iowa City on the 18th.

In the northeast in Linn County, a PRAIRIE WARBLER was singing at Squaw Creek County Park east of Marion on the 23rd. Go through the park on the main road and just beyond all the picnic areas, the bird was singing in bushes in an open area on the north side of the road. The PRAIRIE WARBLER that was present at Hartman Reserve in Cedar Falls on the 18th and 19th has not been seen since. As in years past SWAINSON'S HAWKS and RED-SHOULDERED HAWKS are nesting at the Hartman Reserve. Elsewhere in Black Hawk County, two CATTLE EGRETS were seen along hiway 218 about a half mile north of hiway 57 on the 18th, and in Bremer County, three CATTLE EGRETS were along the west side of hiway 218 on the north edge of Plainfield on the 18th. In Mitchell County, a SWAINSON'S HAWK was a flyover along hiway 218 north of Osage on the 18th.

In the northwest in Cerro Gordo County, a YELLOW RAIL and COMMON MOORHEN were at Zirbel Slough on the 19th.

In the central, in Hardin County, an EARED GREBE was on the Hubbard Lagoon on the 18th.

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