

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 for 9/11/98 @ 10 PM

Birds M<entioned:

BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD

Mississippi Kite

Sandhill Crane

On the 11th, the BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD was still being seen at the Stolz's feeder in Des Moines.

On the 10th, a BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD was identified as the bird that had for the previous eight days been visiting the feeder of Don and Carole Stolz, who live at 512 SW 60th Street in Des Moines. The Stolz's made the initial ID. This Mexican bird has never been seen north of Texas and gulf coast states, and of course is a potential first state record for Iowa. The Stolz's have graciously welcomed birders, but do ask that you not park in their driveway, nor arrive prior to 7:30 AM and that you sign the guest book. Here are the directions: From I-235 in Des Moines, take the 63rd Street exit and follow 63rd Street south, and about 3-4 blocks after crossing Grand Avenue, turn east onto Muskogee, from where you go north onto 60th Street, and 512 is in the first block on the west side of the street. Walk up the drive and watch for the bird at the feeder by the back of the house. It also spends considerable time perched in the tree directly west of the deck.

Also in Des Moines, MISSISSIPPI KITES have been seen again aloft over the Greenwood Park area this week.

In the northeast in Winneshiek County, the two SANDHILL CRANES that have spent the summer at Cardinal Marsh, were still being seen there.

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Birds Mentioned:

Burrowing Owl
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Little Blue Heron
Burrowing Owl

On the 9th, reports from the northeast indicate the early arrival in the state of WHITE-THROATED SPARROWS and DARK-EYED JUNCO at Mason City, and the immature LITTLE BLUE HERON was still being seen at Parker's Woods in Mason City.

In the northwest, we have directions to the BURROWING OWL site in Lyon County, although the bird has not been noted for a few days. The location is in a roadside ditch, 0.1 miles south of the intersection of Dipper Avenue and 130th Street, which is three miles due east of Larchwood..

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Birds Mentioned:

EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE

Gray Partridge

Common Tern

Little Blue Heron

On the 8th in the northwest, EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES were observed again in Osceola County. Two birds were seen at Willow Creek Park, which is off hiway 9, about one and a half miles east of hiway 59. In Kossuth County, two COMMON TERNS were seen at Union Slough NWR. In Dickinson County, four GRAY PARTRIDGE were sighted on the 5th along hiway 9 just east of the intersection with county road M-32 to Lake Park.

In the northeast in Cerro Gordo County, a LITTLE BLUE HERON was at Parker's Woods in Mason City in the creek west of the shelterhouse.

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Birds Mentioned:

Black-crowned Night Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron
Cattle Egret
Bald Eagle
Golden-winged Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Western Grebe
Merlin

In news received the 7th from the southwest in Fremont County, roosting birds counted at Forney Lake the evening of the 6th included 16 BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS, 10 GREAT EGRETS, 11 SNOWY EGRETS, an adult LITTLE BLUE HERON, 211 CATTLE EGRETS, and an adult BALD EAGLE.

In the northwest in Clay County, 15 WARBLER species, including GOLDEN-WINGED and female BLACK-THROATED BLUE, were seen along the Little Sioux River, and a WESTERN GREBE was sighted at Trumbull Lake.

In the northeast in Winneshiek County, a MERLIN and GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER were spotted at Cardinal Marsh.

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Burrowing Owl
White-winged Scoter
Red-necked Phalarope
Black-crowned Night Heron
Ruddy Turnstone
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Willet
Stilt Sandpiper
Short-billed Dowitcher
American Golden Plover
Merlin
Peregrine Falcon
Cattle Egret
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Sandhill Crane
Olive-sided Flycatcher

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. The highlights this week are BURROWING OWL in the northwest, WHITE-WINGED SCOTER in the central, and RED-NECKED PHALAROPE in the southeast.

In the northwest, there was a secondhand report of a BURROWING OWL in Lyon County. The bird was reportedly seen east of Larchwood, but we have no additional details.

In the central in Wright County, an adult male WHITE-WINGED SCOTER was discovered at Big Wall Lake on the 5th, and in Hamilton County, two BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS were observed in the cattails at Anderson Lake near Jewell on the 5th.

In the southeast in Marion County, a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE and BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS were seen on the 2nd at the Boxcars Boat Ramp area, which is three miles south of Monroe on hiway 14, and then six miles west on gravel. Below the Red Rock Reservoir Dam, two RUDDY TURNSTONES were spotted on a gravel bar on the 2nd. In Johnson County, the Hawkeye Wildlife Area was birded heavily last week, and as many as 15 shorebird species were reported from the Babcock Access and Sand Point areas, and they included RUDDY TURNSTONE, BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER, WILLET, STILT SANDPIPER, SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER, and GOLDEN PLOVER. Several observers also reported MERLIN and PEREGRINE FALCONS in those areas, with one report of two PEREGRINES pursuing the same shorebird. A CATTLE EGRET Was seen at Sand Point on the 2nd, and twenty BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS were at a wet area along the Hanging Rock Access Road, about a mile north of Cemetery Road. At Redbird Farms Natural Area, off the Black Diamond Road southwest of Iowa City, a female BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER was sighted on the 2nd.

In the northeast in Jackson County, six SANDHILL CRANES were seen at Green

Island Wildlife Area on the 5th, and in Clinton County, an OLIVE-SIDED
FLYCATCHER was seen at the Springbrook Country Club in DeWitt on the 6th.

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