Update IOWA RBA 8/13/98

Birds Mentioned: Warblers

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. It is not too early to look for WARBLERS. As I briefly walked through my yard this afternoon, I saw REDSTART, BLACK and WHITE, and BAY-BREASTED WARBLERS, and a CANADA WARBLER was reported from Burlington today.

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Birds Mentioned:
Great Egret
Cattle Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron
Black-crowned Night Heron
Common Moorhen
American White Pelican
Yellow-throated Warbler
Common Loon
Forster's Tern
Black Tern
Caspian Tern

On the 11th in the southwest in Fremont County, a large heron roost at Forney Lake yielded the following numbers at an evening count of incoming birds: 138 GREAT EGRETS, 72 CATTLE EGRETS, 32 SNOWY EGRETS, 15 LITTLE BLUE HERONSm, and 23 BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS. There were also 110 WHITE PELICANS and a COMMON MOORHEN viewed around the lake.

In the southeast in Johnson County, the YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER was still present along the trail that begins near the entrance to the Cottage Reserve Area, and the COMMON LOON was still at the S & G Quarry along the Sand Road at the south edge of Iowa City. In Muscatine County, three TERN species, FORSTER'S, BLACK, and CASPIAN were on the Mississippi River below Lock & Dam # 16.

And for the week's report of Monday morning, August 10th:

IOWA RBA: 8/10/98 (319)338-9881

Birds Mentioned:
Eurasian Collared Dove
Little Blue Heron
White-rumped Sandpiper
Sanderling
Cattle Egret
Common Moorhen





Black-crowned Night Heron Short-billed Dowitcher Stilt Sandpiper Ruddy Turnstone

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In the central in Poweshiek County, a EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE was still being seen on the 7th along 16th Avenue at the north edge of the Grinnell Country Club golf course. This species was first discovered there last August 30th, and so has been present for almost a year. In Polk County at the Saylorville Reservoir, a juvenile WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER was seen in a wet area along the road to the Sandpiper Recreation Area beach on the 7th, and a SANDERLING was found where Big Creek Lake enters the reservoir on the 9th. In Hamilton County at Bjorkaboda Marsh, a CATTLE EGRET was spotted on the 9th.

In the southwest on the 6th in Mills County, a LITTLE BLUE HERON was sighted at the intersection of hiway 34 and county road L-31, and in Fremont County seven COMMON MOORHENS and a BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON were at Forney Lake.

In the southeast in Johnson County LITTLE BLUE HERONS were seen at two locations at the Coralville Reservoir on the 8th; on the beach just above the dam, and at the north end of Greencastle Avenue, while SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER and STILT SANDPIPER were at the Babcock Access Area on the 10th. In Des Moines County, a RUDDY TURNSTONE in alternate plumage was at the Casey-Barrow Mississippi River Access, about ten miles north of Burlington, on the 5th.

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Update IOWA RBA: 8/15/98 @ 9 PM

Birds Mentioned:
Golden-winged Warbler
Philadelphia Vireo
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Red-necked Phalarope
Piping Plover
Sanderling
Short-billed Dowitcher
Stilt Sandpiper
Black-billed Cuckoo

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In the southeast in Johnson County, three parties reported on all the shorebirds at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area today. Fifteen species were counted there with up to 17 BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS in corn stubble along the west side of the Babcock Access road and a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE was on the east side of the same road. There were also numerous SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHERS and STILT SANDPIPERS. It takes a walk to get the end of Sand Point, but on an island there, PIPING PLOVER and SANDERLING were found, and a BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO was seen on the walk out.

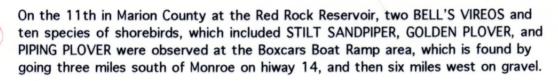




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Birds Mentioned: Stilt Sandpiper Short-billed Dowitcher Buff-breasted Sandpiper Bell's Vireo American Golden Plover Piping Plover

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In the northwest in Ida County, a PEREGRINE FALCON was seen flying along a gravel road just west of Morehead Park at Ida Grove.

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