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Birds Mentioned:

- Common Black-headed Gull
- Franklin's Gull
- Least Bittern
- Ruddy Duck
- Northern Harrier
- Common Moorhen
- Bell's Vireo

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. From the northwest, we have news about the adult BLACK-HEADED GULL in Dickinson County. It was seen loafing with FRANKLIN'S GULLS the evenings of the 12th, 13th, and 14th between 8-8:30 PM in the swan pen at the Kattleson Waterfowl Production Area, which is just west of Big Spirit Lake on a gravel road that goes west from hiway 276 near the Marble Beach Access.

In the northeast in Winneshiek County, sightings at Cardinal Marsh included LEAST BITTERN, 2 RUDDY DUCKS, NORTHERN HARRIER, COMMON MOORHEN, and a pair of BELL'S VIREOS.

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Birds Mentioned:

Common Black-headed Gull
Red-necked Grebe
Mississippi Kite
Worm-eating Warbler
Prairie Warbler
Virginia Rail
Gray Partridge
Yellow-throated Warbler
Cerulean Warbler
Kentucky Warbler
Northern Parula
Common Loon
Egyptian Goose (Exotic)
Sandhill Crane
Ruddy Duck
Bell's Vireo

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In the northwest in Dickinson County, a family of five (2 adult and three young) RED-NECKED GREBES and a COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL were seen at the Jemmerson Slough complex on the 11th. To reach this part of Jemmerson Slough, take hiway 86 one mile north of hiway 9, and then go east on gravel road 140th Street for 2.8 miles and look for the GULL on the north side of the road just before the road jogs to the south. To look for the GREBES, continue on the gravel until you see a parking lot, and then look on the south side of the road on the first marsh west of the parking lot. A VIRGINIA RAIL was seen at Grover's Lake, which is just east of hiway 86 on the Minnesota border. On the 12th in Clay County, GRAY PARTRIDGE were seen along County Road M-54, about six miles east of Spencer.

In the central in Boone County, MISSISSIPPI KITES and YELLOW-THROATED WARBLERS were observed in the lower portion of the Ledges State Park on the 12th. Because of high water, the road to the lower Ledges is closed, and you must walk in from the picnic area.

In the southeast in Lee County, WARBLERS seen at the Croton unit of Shimek State Forest on the 9th included WORM-EATING, CERULEAN, KENTUCKY, and NORTHERN PARULA. In Johnson County, the PRAIRIE WARBLER was still singing vociferously at Lake MacBride State Park. It was heard on the hillside south of the sailboat storage enclosure on the 9th, but on the 11th, it was farther east and across the road. A YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER was also singing nearby on the 11th, by the boat ramp which is near the entrance to the Cottage Reserve Area. At the S & G Quarry along the Sand Road just south of Iowa City, the COMMON LOON in alternate plumage was still present on the 12th. The exotic of the week, an EGYPTIAN GOOSE

was in Van Buren County south of Keosauqua, northwest of the intersection of
highways 1 and 2, on the 9th.

In the northeast in Winneshiek County, two SANDHILL CRANES, two RUDDY DUCKS,
and a BELL'S VIREO were at Cardinal Marsh on the 8th.

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