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Subject: IOWA RBA Update 5/21/99

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 5/22/99 @ 6:30 AM

Birds Mentioned:
Clark's Grebe
Western Grebe
Peregrine Falcon
Killdeer
Prairie Warbler

OF J-29

On the 21st in the southwest in Monona County, a CLARK'S GREBE was found with three WESTERN GREBES at South Blue Lake. To reach the location, go west on hiway 175 from the Onawa exit, and take the first gravel road past the entrance to Lewis and Clark SP south. Go to the first turn to the right and then east where the road turns south. At the corner you can scan South Blue Lake. There was also a PEREGRINE FALCON chasing a KILLDEER along hiway 175 two miles south of Turin.

In the southeast in Warren County, the male PRAIRIE WARBLER has moved across the road from Lake Ahquabi SP to the Hooper Game Area. Go in the main entrance to Ahquabi SP and go south a half mile on gravel to a T, where you go west a short distance to a parking lot on the south. Take the trail south from the parking lot and after about 200 yards there will be a pine planting on either side of the trail. That is where the bird was singing intermittently.

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 5/20/99 @ 10 PM

Birds mentioned:
Northern Goshawk
Prairie Warbler
Yellow Rail
Common Moorhen
Red-shouldered Hawk
Swainson's Hawk
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Sanderling
Ruddy Turnstone
Piping Plover
Western Kingbird
Eurasian Tree Sparrow
Cattle Egret
Mourning Warbler
Connecticut Warbler
Hooded Warbler
Alder Flycatcher
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
White-eyed Vireo

On the 20th in the southeast in Lucas County, a very late NORTHERN GOSHAWK was seen at the Lucas Unit of Stephens SF, and in Warren County, a PRAIRIE WARBLER was singing at the south end of Lak Ahquabi SP at the edge of the woods near the first bench as you come from the southwest. In the northeast in Black Hawk County, a PRAIRIE WARBLER that had been present along the bike trail at the Hartman Reserve in Cedar Falls on the 18th and 19th, was not relocated on the 20th. As in past years, both SWAINSON'S HAWK and RED-SHOULDERED HAWK are nesting in the Hartman Reserve.

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

In the southwest in Pottawattamie County, birds seen at the MidAmerican Energy Cos. south settling pond included BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER, SANDERLING, RUDDY TURNSTONE, seven PIPING PLOVER, and WESTERN KINGBIRDS. In the southeast in Louisa County, Ron Cross has nestling EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS at his home, 303 S. 2nd in Wapello.

On the 18th in the northeast in Black Hawk County 2 CATTLE EGRETS were along hiway 218 a half mile north of hiway 57. In Bremer County, three more CATTLE EGRETS were on the west side of hiway 218 at the north edge of Plainfield, and in Mitchell County, a SWAINSON'S HAWK was a flyover north of Osage. In the southeast in Johnson County, birds seen at Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City just down the trail that starts north of the shelter at the Dodge Street entrance included MOURNING, CONNECTICUT, and HOODED WARBLERS, and ALDER and YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHERS. At Red Bird Farms Natural Area along the Black Diamond Road southwest of Iowa City, a WHITE-EYED VIREO was present. In the central in Hardin County, an EARED GREBE was on the Hubbard Lagoon.

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Birds Mentioned:

Yellow Rail
Hudsonian Godwit
Western Sandpiper
Ruddy Turnstone
Snowy Egret
Common Tern
Mourning Warbler
Hooded Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Swallow-Tailed Kite (Minnesota)
Purple Gallinule (Neighboring States)

In news received the 17th in the northwest in Pocahontas County, a YELLOW RAIL was seen at Calsow Prairie on the 16th. In Woodbury County at the Port Neal generating station and the Sandhills Area west of I-29 on the 15th, 22 species of shorebirds were counted, including HUDSONIAN GODWIT, WESTERN SANDPIPER, and RUDDY TURNSTONE. In addition, a SNOWY EGRET and COMMON TERN were also seen there. In Ida County MOURNING and HOODED WARBLERS were observed at Moorehead park near Ida Grove.

In the northeast, MOURNING and HOODED WARBLERS were sighted at Parker's Woods in Mason City, and in Linn County, a YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER was near the office at Palisades-Kepler SP.

The SWALLOW-TAILED KITE in Rice County, Minnesota, was still being seen this date. There have been recent reports of PURPLE GALLINULE in three neighboring states to the south and east of Iowa.

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Week's Report of 5/17/99

Birds Mentioned:

Bewick's Wren
Mississippi Kite
White-faced Ibis
Little Blue Heron
Connecticut Warbler
Pacific Loon
King Rail
Yellow Rail
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Hooded Warbler
Summer Tanager
Yellow-breasted Chat
White-eyed Vireo
Worm-eating Warbler
Ruffed Grouse
Common Moorhen
Yellow-throated Warbler
Northern Mockingbird
Red-shouldered Hawk
Mourning Warbler
Connecticut Warbler
Cattle Egret
Eared Grebe
Common Loon
Northern Flicker (Albino)
Trumpeter Swan
Mute Swan
Swainson's Hawk
Piping Plover

The best birds this week include BEWICK'S WREN, MISSISSIPPI KITE, WHITE-FACED IBIS; LITTLE BLUE HERON, and CONNECTICUT WARBLER in the southeast, PACIFIC LOON, KING RAIL, YELLOW RAIL, and WHITE-FACED IBIS in the central, and BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER in the northeast and northwest.

In the southeast in Lee County, at or near the Croton unit of Shimek SF, a BEWICK'S WREN was still being seen at the junkyard along Belfast Road about three and a half miles northwest of Argyle through the 11th. Farther north along Belfast at the top of the hill, a MISSISSIPPI KITE was a flyover, and a HOODED WARBLER was also sighted on the 13th, while down the hill just before the Croton unit entrance there was a SUMMER TANAGER on the 13th. At the entrance to the Croton unit, YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT and WHITE-EYED VIREO were seen several times last week, with the last report from the 14th. A WORM-EATING WARBLER was also seen a number of times last week up the ravine opposite where the path crosses the stream. At the Donnellson unit of Shimek SF, a RUFFED GROUSE was heard drumming, while a WHITE-EYED VIREO was observed at Shagbark and the entrance to the boat ramp, both on the 14th, while a SUMMER TANAGER was at the White Oak Campground there on the 11th. At the Heron Bend Conservation Area off hiway 61 about three miles north of Montrose, a COMMON MOORHEN was seen on the 11th. At Ft. Madison, Linda Johnson reports YELLOW-THROATED WARBLERS nesting in her yard. In Henry County, a SUMMER TANAGER has been seen regularly near Shelter #1 at Geode SP. In Louisa County, a WHITE-FACED IBIS was along the south side of Cone Marsh on the 14th, and a mottled white immature LITTLE BLUE HERON was on a backwater of the Iowa River along hiway 70 about two miles north of Columbus Jct. on the 11th, and a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was near the intersection of Kilpeck Road and the road to the Louisa-Muscatine generating station on the 11th. In Johnson County, two LITTLE BLUE HERONS were still being seen through the 14th at the Hawkeye WA

along the north side of the Swan Lake Road near the highline west of Greencastle Avenue. A subadult MISSISSIPPI KITE and an immature RED-SHOULDERED HAWK were seen at the north part of Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City on the 11th. In Warren County, two singing HOODED WARBLERS have returned to Lake Ahquabi SP. Look in the southwest quadrant of the park along the lake trail. An amazing 29 WARBLER species were seen in Warren County on the 15th, and included MOURNING, HOODED, WORM-EATING, and YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT. In Van Buren County, two SUMMER TANAGERS were seen on the 11th at Lacey-Keosauqua SP, one at the campground, and the other near the turnoff to the boat ramp. In Jefferson County, the BEWICK'S WRENS were still being seen in Diane Porter's neighborhood along East Briggs Street in Fairfield on the 13th. In Iowa County, a CONNECTICUT WARBLER was along the Amana Nature Trail near Homestead on the 14th. In Washington County, a CATTLE EGRET was on a farm pond which is 0.3 miles west of the entrance to Lake Darling SP on the 12th.

In the central in Story County, a PACIFIC LOON and up to three COMMON LOONS, plus an EARED GREBE were present at least through the 15th on Hallett's Quarry along highway 69 at the north edge of Ames. TRUMPETER SWANS were on a pond west of Ames on the 14th. On the 14th in Tama County, a KING RAIL was seen at Otter Creek Marsh where there is a red flag on the south side of the north dike about 200 yards west of the east parking lot, while two SANDHILL CRANES were seen from the north dike. At Union Grove WMA, a WHITE-FACED IBIS was on the west end of the pond on the 11th. In Polk County, a YELLOW RAIL was seen at Errington Marsh south of Elkhart on the 14th. At Des Moines, an albino FLICKER was seen at McCray Park on the 16th, and HOODED WARBLERS were at Walnut Woods and Brown's Woods on the 12th, while at Brown's Woods on the 15th, CONNECTICUT WARBLER, MOURNING WARBLER, and HOODED WARBLER were spotted. In Poweshiek County, an adult MUTE SWAN was at Diamond Lake on the 10th.

In the northeast in Cerro Gordo County a BLACK-THROATED BLUE and three HOODED WARBLERS were at Parker's Woods in Mason City on the 12th, but only one HOODED remained on the 14th, and on the 15th, CONNECTICUT and MOURNING WARBLERS were seen there. In Linn County, a CATTLE EGRET was seen at Noel Ridge Park in the duck and goose area, on the 15th.

In the northwest in Kossuth County, a female HOODED WARBLER was with 24 WARBLER species seen at Smith WA south of Algona on the 12th. There was also a SWAINSON'S HAWK there on that date. A WORM-EATING WARBLER was at Call SP on the 11th, and a CATTLE EGRET was at the north end of Union Slough NWR on the 13th. In Cerro Gordo County, a male SUMMER TANAGER was at the Farmer's Beach area of Clear Lake, southwest across the lake from the boat ramp at MacIntosh Woods SP, on the 13th. In Ida County, a WHITE-EYED VIREO was at the west end of the lake at Moorehead Park near Ida Grove on the 11th. In Palo Alto County, 24 species of WARBLER with BLACK-THROATED BLUE were at Houston Park on Lost Island Lake on the 16th.

In the southwest in Pottawattamie County, a PIPING PLOVER was at the Midamerican Energy Cos. south settling pond south of Council Bluffs on the 13th.

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south of Council Bluffs on the 13th
in the southwest in Pottawattamie County, a BIRING EGRET was at the Midwestern Energy Co. south-southwest

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from the north-south in Washington County, a WHITE-EYED VIREO was at the west end of
Council Bluffs, a WHITE SWALLOW was at the Farmers' Beach area of Clear Lake, south-southwest across the lake
was at 5th St on the 11th, and a CATTLE EGRET was at the north end of Union Street NW on the 13th in Cass
south of Aurora on the 13th. There was also a SWAINSON'S HAWK there on that date. A MORNING STAR WARBLER
in the north-south in Pottawattamie County, a female HOODED WARBLER was with 24 WARBLER species seen at Smith AV

and Goose Lake on the 13th.
MORNING STAR WARBLERS were seen there in Cass County, a CATTLE EGRET was seen at West Ridge Park in the duck
Marsh in Mason City on the 13th, but only one HOODED remained on the 14th, and on the 13th, CONNECTICUT and
in the north-south in Cass County, a BLACK-THROATED BLUE and three HOODED WARBLERS were at Parkers

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on the 10th
WARBLER and HOODED WARBLER were seen in Pottawattamie County, a WHITE SWALLOW was at Diamond Lake
Marsh and Brown's Marsh on the 13th. MORNING STAR WARBLER, CONNECTICUT WARBLER, MORNING
Dove, JUNCO, an SPURRICK were seen at West Park on the 13th, and HOODED WARBLERS were at Marsh
of the pond on the 11th in Pottawattamie County. A RED-TAILED HAWK was seen at East Liberty near south of Elkhart on the 14th. A
SWAINSON'S HAWK was seen from the north end of Union Street NW, a WHITE FACED IBIS was on the west end
Marsh there in a 190 ft by 100 ft pond at the south end of the north side about 300 yards west of the 42nd Street rd. Marsh
was on a bank west of Union on the 14th. On the 14th in Iowa County, a WHITE SWALLOW was seen at Clear Lake
Marsh at 1st St, Marshall, on the 13th in Harrison County, along Hwy 25 at the north end of Clear Lake, IOWA LARK SPRAWLER
in the center of Clear Lake, a PACIFIC GULL and 10 or more COMMON GULLS, one or SEATED GREBE were

which is 0.5 miles west of the entrance to Lake Park on the 13th
the Aurora Marsh that near Homestead on the 14th in Washington County, a CATTLE EGRET was on a pond
neighborhood along East Ridge Street in Fairfield on the 13th, in Iowa County, a CONNECTICUT WARBLER was along
south of the road, north in Jefferson County, the BELMONT WARBLER were still being seen in Diane Potters
SWALLOW WARBLERS were seen on the 11th at Clear Lake, one at the campground, and the other near the
and included MORNING, HOODED, MORNING STAR, and LEFT-TAIL STARLING. In Van Buren County, two
species of the bird along the lake near an amazing 25 WARBLER species were seen in Mason County on the 13th,
11th in Mason County, two singing HOODED WARBLERS were returned to Lake Arthur St, Look in the southwest
KITE and an immature RED-BELLIED HAWK were seen at the north end of Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City on the
along the north side of the Swan Lake Road near the lightning west of Greenleaf Avenue. A Starling Migration!