IOWA RBA (319)338-9881: Update for 9/4/98 @ 10:30 PM

Birds Mentioned: Merlin Peregrine Falcon Buff-breasted Sandpiper Ruddy Turnstone Black-throated Blue Warbler

In the southeast in Johnson County, on the 4th we have had great coverage of the Hawkeye Wildlife Area, and a number of reports from that area have indicated a MERLIN, two PEREGRINE FALCONS both pursuing the same shorebird, and 15 shorebird species, including up to 33 BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS along the Babcock Access Road. And at the Sand Point Area, there were more BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS and two RUDDY TURNSTONES, while on the 3rd, a female BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER was sighted at Redbird Farms Natural Area, along the Black Diamond Road southwest of Iowa City.

IOWA RBA: (319)338-9881 Update for 9/2/98 @ 10:30 PM

Birds Mentioned: Ruddy Turnstone Baird's Sandpiper Red-necked Phalarope Buff-breasted Sandpiper American Golden Plover Cattle Egret Black-crowned Night Heron

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. On the 2nd in the southeast, in Marion County two RUDDY TURNSTONES and two BAIRD'S SANDPIPERS were on a gravel bar below the Red Rock Reservoir Dam, and at the Boxcars Boat Ramp area, which is three miles south of Monroe on hiway 14, and then six miles west on gravel, there were 10 species of shorebirds, including RED-NECKED PHALAROPE and BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER. In Johnson County at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area, 13 species of shorebirds, including three BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS, 2 RUDDY TURNSTONES, and 13 GOLDEN PLOVER, plus a CATTLE EGRET, were seen at the Sand Point Area, and 20 BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS were observed at a wet area along the Hanging Rock Access road about a mile north of Cemetery Road.

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Birds Mentioned: Willet Ruddy Turnstone Buff-breasted Sandpiper Golden-winged Warbler Yellow-bellied Flycatcher Trumpeter Swan Western Kingbird

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In the northeast in Floyd County, an out of range WESTERN KINGBIRD was spotted along county road T-26 about two miles south of hiway 18 on the 28th.

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 8/31.98 @ 11:30 PM

Birds Mentioned: Pine Warbler American Golden Plover Carolina Wren

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 for 8/31/98

Birds Mentioned: EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE Swainson's Hawk **Buff-breasted Sandpiper Ruddy Turnstone** Merlin Peregrine Falcon Black-crowned Night Heron Caspian Tern Sanderling Golden-winged Warbler Mourning Warbler Osprey Sanderling Pine Siskin **Red-breasted Nuthatch** Carolina Wren Pine Warbler Common Tern Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. The IOU fall meeting will be held in Des Moines, September 11-13. The correct information about that meeting can be found in the initial flyer, mailed to all members about three weeks ago. To repeat a couple of details, the registration deadline is September 4th, while the book signing by Pete Dunne on the 11th will be at Barnes and Noble from 7-8:30 PM.

Early passerine and shorebird migrants continued their push through the state this past week, and it is interesting that RED-BREASTED NUTHATCHES were sighted at three locations. The highlight is the continuation of the second state record for EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE in Osceola County. The bird was still cooing away on the 29th at Willow Creek Park, which is off hiway 9, about one and a half miles east of hiway 59. A SWAINSON'S HAWK was a flyover at that location on the 29th. Elsewhere in the northwest in Kossuth County, PINE SISKIN and RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH, birds more likely to me present in the colder weather months, were seen at Riverview Cemetery in Algona on the 26th. Two more RED-BREASTED NUTHATCHES and 14 WARBLER species were found at Houston Park in Palo Alto County on the 30th. And another RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH was seen in the southeast in Johnson County on the 29th. In Sac County, fifteeen WARBLER species, including PINE and GOLDEN-WINGED were found at Black Hawk State Park and Black Hawk Wildlife Area, and a COMMON TERN was at Tomahawk Marsh, two miles north of Lake View, both on the 30th.

In the southeast in Johnson County, birds seen at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area included BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER, RUDDY TURNSTONE, MERLIN, and PEREGRINE FALCON along the Babcock Access Road on the 27th, and a BLACK-

CROWNED NIGHT HERON at that location on the 26th, while three CASPIAN TERNS and a SANDERLING were at the Sand Point Area on the 29th. In Des Moines County at Starr's Cave Preserve just north of Burlington, nine WARBLER species including GOLDEN-WINGED were seen on the 30th, while ten species, with MOURNING were there on the 29th. At the Casey-Barrow Mississippi River Access about ten miles north of Burlington, there was an OSPREY on the 30th and a SANDERLING on the 27th.

In the northeast in Cerro Gordo County, a CAROLINA WREN, which was north of its range, was last seen at Parker's Woods in Mason City on the 27th.

In the central in Greene County, ten shorebird species were at the south end of Dunbar Slough, and a mile east of Snake Creek Marsh, a YELLOW-BELLIED FDLYCATCHER was seen, both on the 30th.

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