IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 9/18/98 @ 8 AM

Birds Mentioned: MYSTERY HUMMINGBIRD

We have not received any reports regarding the mystery HUMMINGBIRD at the Stolz'z feeder in Des Moines since the 16th when it was still being seen.

There will be an IOU field trip led by Ann Johnson to Snake Creek Marsh for Yellow Rail and marsh sparrows on Sunday, September 27th, which will meet at the Super 8 Motel, along hiway 141 at the east edge of Perry at 7 AM.

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On the 15th, the mystery HUMMINGBIRD in Des Moines was still being seen....... And for the week's report of Monday, September 14.

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. Northern migrants may be returning early, as we had a report from Mason City of WHITE-THROATED SPARROW and DARK-EYED JUNCO on the 9th. The mystery HUMMINGBIRD at Des Moines continues to be seen, and other highlights are EURASIAN COLORED DOVE, RED-NECKED PHALAROPE, and LITTLE BLUE HERON.

In the central, the mystery HUMMINGBIRD at Des Moines, first thought to be a BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD, may well be an AMAZILIA HUMMINGBIRD from South America. The latter is the most widely held hummingbird in captivity, so if it is an AMAZILIA, the question of origin may be pertinent. In any event, it is a most interesting bird to see, and here are the directions: It is being seen at the home of Don and Carole Stolz, 512 SW 60th Street, Des Moines. From I-235, take the 63rd Stret exit and go south on 63rd Street, and 3-4 blocks after crossing Grand Avenue, turn east on Muskogee, and after a couple of blocks, turn north on 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 on the back of the house. It also sits in the tree to the west of the deck. Please do not park in the driveway, nor arrive prior to 7:30 AM, and do sign the guest book. Also in Des Moines, MISSISSIPPI KITES were still occasionally being seen aloft over the Greenwood Park area last week.

Elsewhere in Polk County, a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE was seen on the 13th at the Saylorville Reservoir, off campground 4 at Jester County Park.

In the northwest. two EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES were still being observed in Osceola County on the 8th. The sighting was once again at Willow Creek Park, which is off hiway 9, about a mile and a half east of hiway 59. In Kossuth County, two COMMON TERNS were seen at Union Slough NWR on the 8th.

In the northeast in Winneshiek County, the two SANDHILL CRANES that have been present at Cardinal Marsh all summer, were still there on the 10th. In Cerro Gordo County, an immature LITTLE BLUE HERON was at Parker's Woods in Mason City, in the creek west of the shelterhouse on the 9th.

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