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Subject: IOWA RBA Update 5/14/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 5/14/99 @ 10 PM

Birds Mentioned:

Pacific Loon  
Common Loon  
King Rail  
Sandhill Crane  
White-faced Ibis  
Little Blue Heron  
Connecticut Warbler  
Yellow-throated Warbler  
Hooded Warbler

On the 14th in the central, the PACIFIC and COMMON LOONS were still at Hallett Quarry along hiway 69 at the north edge of Ames. In Tama County, a KING RAIL was seen at Otter Creek Marsh. From the east end of the north dike go west about 200 yards, and look for a red flag where the bird was seen about 20 yards south of the dike. Two SANDHILL CRANES were also observed from the north dike.

In the southeast in Louisa County, a WHITE-FACED IBIS was spotted along the south part of Cone Marsh. In Johnson County, the two LITTLE BLUE HERONS were still present at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area. In Iowa County, a CONNECTICUT WARBLER was along the Amana Nature Trail near Homestead. In Lee County, Linda Johnson reports YELLOW-THROATED WARBLERS nesting in her Ft. Madison yard.

In the northeast, a HOODED WARBLER was sighted at Parker's Woods in Mason City.

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**Birds Mentioned:**

Summer Tanager  
Cattle Egret  
Hooded Warbler  
Cape May Warbler  
Black-throated Blue Warbler  
Little Blue Heron

On the 13th in the northwest in Cerro Gordo County, a male SUMMER TANAGER was seen at Clear Lake at "Farmer's" Beach", which is across the lake southwest of the boat ramp at MacIntosh Woods SP. In Kossuth County, a CATTLE EGRET was at the north end of Union Slough NWR.

In the central, a HOODED WARBLER was seen at Walnut Woods in Des Moines, and in Boone County, count em NINE, CAPE MAY WARBLERS, with four in one tree, were seen at the Y Camp north of Boone.

In the northeast in Cerro Gordo County, three HOODED WARBLERS and a BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER were at Parker's Woods in Mason City.

In the southeast in Johnson County, two LITTLE BLUE HERONS were at the Hawkeye WA in the area of the highline along the north side of Swan Lake Road west of Greencastle Avenue. In Washington County, a CATTLE EGRET was on a farm pond which is 0.3 miles west of the entrance to Lake Darling SP.

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Birds Mentioned:

- Blue Grosbeak
- Lazuli Bunting
- Cape May Warbler
- Kentucky Warbler
- Mourning Warbler
- Hooded Warbler
- Swainson's Hawk
- Pacific Loon
- Common Loon
- Yellow-breasted Chat
- White-eyed Vireo
- Worm-eating Warbler
- Bewick's Wren
- Summer Tanager
- White-faced Ibis
- Mute Swan
- Yellow-throated Warbler

We need to start with an omission (A Blue Grosbeak was seen at Lime Springs Nature Center north of Mason City on the 8th) and a correction (The Lazuli Bunting was seen at a feeder near Honey Creek Iowa in Pottawattamie County NOT Appanoose County).

On the 12th in the central in Boone County, the 24 WARBLER species at Ledges State Park included CAPE MAY, KENTUCKY, and MOURNING. At Brown's Woods near Des Moines, HOODED and KENTUCKY WARBLERS were sighted. In the northwest in Kossuth County, a fallout produced a female HOODED WARBLER among the 24 species of WARBLERS at the Smith WA south of Algona. There was also a SWAINSON'S HAWK in the area. In the south-central in Warren County, two singing male HOODED WARBLERS were in the southwest quadrant of Lake Ahquabi SP. Look along the lake trail, which can be reached from the south in the park, or from the west from Camp Wesley Woods.

On the 11th in the central, the PACIFIC LOON and COMMON LOON were still on Hallet's Quarry at the north edge of Ames. In the southeast, 27 species of WARBLERS were seen at Lacey-Keosauqua SP in Van Buren County and the Croton unit of Shimek SF in Lee County. At the entrance at Shimek there were YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT and WHITE-EYED VIREO, while in the ravine opposite to where the path crosses the stream, a WORM-EATING WARBLER was singing. Along Belfast Road, a BEWICK'S WREN was at the junkyard which is about three and a half miles northwest of Argyle. There were SUMMER TANAGERS at Lacey-Keosauqua in the campground and at the turnoff for the boat ramp. In the central in Tama County, a WHITE-FACED IBIS was at the Union Grove WMA at th west end of the pond. In Poweshiek County, an adult MUTE SWAN was at Diamond Lake near Montezuma on the 10th. In the northwest in Ida County, the fallout also was seen at Moorehead Park near Ida Grove, with YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER and a WHITE-EYED VIREO at the west end of the lake. In Kossuth County, a WORM-EATING WARBLER was at Call SP near Algona.

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Birds Mentioned:

Pacific Loon  
Common Loon  
Mississippi Kite  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
LAZULI BUNTING  
Northern Mockingbird  
Common Moorhen  
Summer Tanager  
White-eyed Vireo  
Cape May Warbler  
Worm-eating Warbler  
Cattle Egret  
Sandhill Crane  
Peregrine Falcon  
Yellow-throated Warbler

On the 10th in <sup>an</sup> ~~two~~ updates, <sup>THE</sup> the ~~PACIFIC LOON~~ and ~~COMMON LOON~~ were still at Hallett Quarry in Ames, and the subadult ~~MISSISSIPPI KITE~~ plus an immature ~~RED-SHOULDERED HAWK~~ were seen at Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City.

Elsewhere in the southeast, we had a report without details of a LAZULI BUNTING at a feeder near Honey Creek in Appanoose County over the past weekend. In Louisa County, a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was seen near the junction of Kilpeck Road and the entrance road to the Louisa-Muscatine generating station. In Lee County a COMMON MOORHEN was at Heron Bend Conservation Area about three miles north of Montrose along hiway 61, and a SUMMER TANAGER was see at the White Oak Campground in the Donnellson unit of Shimek State Forest. In Clarke County, Beth Brown who lives just east of Osceola has had a WHITE-EYED VIREO in her yard.

In the northwest, in Ida County, a male CAPE MAY WARBLER was at Moorehead Park near Ida Grove.

In the central, a WORM-EATING WARBLER was found at Brookside Park in Ames on the 9th.

In the northeast, the best birds on a big day in Allamakee County on the 8th were CATTLE EGRET, SANDHILL CRANE, PEREGRINE FALCON, and YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER.

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IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Week's Report of 5/10/99

**Birds Mentioned:**

Black-necked Stilt (Gone)  
Pacific Loon  
Prairie Warbler  
Snowy Egret  
White-faced Ibis  
Marbled Godwit  
Prairie Falcon  
Black-bellied Whistling Duck  
Mississippi Kite  
Little Blue Heron  
White-faced Ibis  
Bewick's Wren  
Worm-eating Warbler  
King Rail  
Western Sandpiper  
Sandhill Crane  
Cattle Egret  
American Bittern  
Wilson's Phalarope  
Piping Plover  
Prairie Falcon  
Hooded Warbler  
Kentucky Warbler  
Prothonotary Warbler  
Common Moorhen  
Peregrine Falcon  
Hudsonian Godwit  
Willet  
Cattle Egret  
American Pipit  
Yellow-throated Warbler  
Louisiana Waterthrush  
Northern Mockingbird  
Mourning Warbler  
Greater White-fronted Goose  
White-eyed Vireo  
Yellow-breasted Chat  
Summer Tanager  
Least Tern  
Common Tern  
Eared Grebe  
Common Loon

Birds that have departed after being present last week include the two BLACK-NECKED STILTS at Harrier Marsh in Boone County and the two WHITE-FACED IBIS at the Colo Ponds in Story County as well as the two WHITE-FACED IBIS at Cardinal Marsh in Winneshiek County. The best birds this week created a lengthy list and included PACIFIC LOON, PRAIRIE WARBLER SNOWY EGRET, WHITE-FACED IBIS, MARBLED GODWIT, and PRAIRIE FALCON in the central, BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK, MISSISSIPPI KITE, LITTLE BLUE HERON, WHITE-FACED IBIS, and BEWICK'S WREN in the southeast, WORM-EATING WARBLER, KING RAIL, and SNOWY EGRET in the northeast, and WORM-EATING WARBLER, WESTERN SANDPIPER, and LITTLE BLUE HERON in the northwest.

In the central in Story County, a basic plumaged PACIFIC LOON was on Hallett's Quarry along hiway 69 at the north edge of Ames on the 8th. Look from the parking area. Kevin and Rosanne Healy saw a male PRAIRIE WARBLER in their front yard at 2427 Waterford Drive in Ames on the 8th. At the West Peterson Pit, a SNOWY EGRET was seen from the parking lot on the 8th. At Hendrickson Marsh, two SANDHILL CRANES were present on the 8th, but not seen there on the 9th. At Hickory Grove Park south of Nevada, a CATTLE EGRET was in a pothole on the north side of the area on the 9th. At Jim Kettelson Marsh, there were AMERICAN BITTERN and WILSON'S PHALAROPES on the 8th. In Jasper County, the five WHITE-FACED IBIS on the pond near the east entrance to the Jacob Krumm Preserve turned in to but one still present on the 9th. In Polk County, two MARBLED GODWITS were at Errington Marsh south of Elkhart on the 8th, while at Brown's Woods near Des Moines, HOODED, KENTUCKY, and PROTHONOTARY WARBLERS were seen on the 8th. In Tama County at Otter Creek Marsh, a PIPING PLOVER and PRAIRIE FALCON were reported on the 8th. In Boone County, some of the birds sighted at Harrier Marsh south of Ogden last week included COMMON MOORHEN, PEREGRINE FALCON, HUDSONIAN GODWIT, WILLET, WILSON'S PHALAROPE, AMERICAN BITTERN, CATTLE EGRET, and AMERICAN PIPIT. At the Ledges State Park on the 8th, there were 17 WARBLER species with YELLOW-THROATED, HOODED, KENTUCKY, and LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH. A NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was singing on the archery range at the Y Camp north of Boone on the 5th. In the Raccoon River valley in Greene County, 18 WARBLER species including MOURNING were spotted on the 9th.

In the southeast in Louisa County, a BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK that has evidently been present for about a month was seen again on the 7th in a backwater area of the Iowa River adjacent to the west side of hiway 70 two miles north of Columbus Junction. In Johnson County, a MISSISSIPPI KITE was discovered at Hickory Hill Park near the west end of the dike on the 8th, but not seen thereafter. At the Hawkeye Wildlife Area on the 9th, an immature (mottled white) LITTLE BLUE HERON was on the gun club ponds just south of the Greencastle Avenue/ Swan Lake Road intersection. There was also a GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE at the S & G Quarry south of Iowa City on the 8th, and two NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRDS, one at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area near the north end of James Avenue on the 6th, and the other in the southeast part of the county on the 8th. A WHITE-EYED VIREO was still being heard in the Birdline's yard north of Iowa City on the 9th and Ken Lowder reported another WHITE-EYED VIREO near his home north of Iowa City. In Des Moines County, five WHITE-FACED IBIS discovered on the 6th were still present at least through the 8th about ten miles north of Burlington and east of hiway 99, specifically along 40th Avenue a quarter mile north of 170th Street. In Jefferson County, Diane Porter reported last week that the BEWICK'S WRENS in her neighborhood were apparently feeding young. This is along East Briggs Street in Fairfield. In Lee County, the YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT was back at its traditional nesting location last week on a hillside on the west side of River Road about 3.7 miles upriver from the west end of the Skunk River bridge at Augusta. In Scott County, Ann Barker reports a female SUMMER TANAGER at her home in Lost Creek Woods near Princeton on the 8th. In Henry County, a SUMMER TANAGER was seen near shelter #1 at Geode State Park on the 8th.

In the northeast in Linn County, a WORM-EATING WARBLER that was first seen on the 5th was still present on the 7th in the yard of Harold and Phyllis Barber in west Cedar Rapids. You can call for updates at (319) 396-5324. Also at Cedar Rapids, a WHITE-EYED VIREO was spotted on the 4th along Otis Road a quarter mile west of the Indian Creek Nature Center. At the Matsell Bridge Natural Area a HOODED WARBLER was up the hillside at the back of the campground area on the 8th. In Cerro Gordo County, a KING RAIL and NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD were reported from Mallard Marsh on the 8th, the four TERN species seen at Ventura Marsh on the 8th included LEAST and COMMON TERNS, while a PEREGRINE FALCON was seen at Zirbel Slough on the 8th. In Winneshiek County, two SANDHILL CRANES were still being observed at Cardinal Marsh on the 9th. In Black Hawk County, two SNOWY EGRETS discovered at Beaver Valley Wetland Area on the 7th were replaced by a CATTLE EGRET on the 8th. This area is reached from hiway 57 west of Cedar Falls by taking Union Road north 2.7 miles.

In the northwest in Ida County, a WORM-EATING WARBLER was seen at Moorehead Park near Ida Grove on the 4th and 5th, and on the 8th there were KENTUCKY WARBLER and WHITE-EYED VIREO there. A WESTERN SANDPIPER was spotted in a wet field along hiway 175 between Ida Grove and Arthur on the 8th. In Pocahontas County, a SUMMER TANAGER and LITTLE BLUE HERON were found at Sunken Grove WA on the 8th. In Sac County, an EARED GREBE and COMMON LOON were on Black Hawk Lake at Lake View on the 8th. In Kossuth County, a HOODED WARBLER was sighted at A.A. Call State Park on the 6th.

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