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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 5/30/94

Birds Mentioned:

WHIMBREL
PURPLE GALLINULE
Least Bittern
Alder Flycatcher
Black Tern
Forster's Tern
Caspian Tern
Common Tern
Wilson's Phalarope
Marbled Godwit
Black-bellied Plover
American Golden Plover
Ruddy Turnstone
Hudsonian Godwit
Dunlin
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Summer Tanager
Prarie Warbler
Worm-eating Warbler
Western Kingbird
Northern Mockingbird
Short-billed Dowitcher
Stilt Sandpiper
Peregrine Falcon
Virginia Rail
Bobolink
Mourning Warbler

Two outstanding birds were found in the state this past week, a PURPLE GALLINULE which is still being seen in Bremer County, and a WHIMBREL which stayed for only a few hours in Johnson County.

In the northeast in Bremer County, the PURPLE GALLINULE discovered at Sweet Marsh on the 24th by Tom Stone was still being seen at the same location on the 29th. To look for this bird: In the south part of Tripoli, go east on 7th Avenue for 1.8 miles to where a sign says "Pavenment Ends". Turn north into the south entrance to the marsh, and go to the end of the road. Walk onto the dike by a sign that says "Danger Ditch". Proceed 160 long paces to where there is a yellow sign in the marsh, followed by two dead trees. The bird has been in the area of the dead trees. Also present there have been up to three LEAST BITTERNS, ALDER FLYCATCHER, and four TERN species, including COMMON. In Linn County at a marsh along Lewis Bottoms Road, two and a half miles north of Palo, there was a WILSON'S PHALAROPE on the 26th, and a MARBLED GODWIT on the 25th.

In the southeast in Johnson County, Chris Edwards found a WHIMBREL on the 27th at the Sandy Beach Area of the Coralville Reservoir, but it only stayed a couple of hours. Also present at that location were BLACK-BELLIED and

AMERICAN GOLDFER PLOVERS, and seen there on the 26th were RUDDY TURNSTONE, HUDSONIAN GODWIT, and DUNLIN. Also at the Coralville Reservoir at Baxter Woods, ALDER and YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHERS and MOURNING WARBLER on the 27th. In Muscatine County, a SUMMER TANAGER was at the picnic area on top of the hill at Wildcat Den State Park on the 27th. In Lee County, the PRAIRIE and WORM-EATING WARBLERS were still at the Croton Unit of Shimek State Forest on the 23rd, and the SUMMER TANAGER was still in the tent campground area at Lacey-Keosauqua State Park on the 23rd.

In the central in Polk County, 35 RUDDY TURNSTONES and 20 MARBLED GODWITS were at the Saylorville Reservoir near campground #4 at Jester Park on the 27th. On the state capitol grounds in Des Moines, four WESTERN KINGBIRDS were just south of the capitol building on the 29th.

In the west, only the second Ida County record for NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was found on the 24th in the south part of the county, and in Monona County, SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER, STILT SANDPIPER, HUDSONIAN GODWIT, and a PEREGRINE FALCON were at South Blue Lake on the 26th.

In the north-central in Worth County, two VIRGINIA RAILS were in the marsh which is just north of Silver Lake, on the 29th.

In the south-central, BOBOLINKS have returned in Clarke County for the first time in over five years to a field near the county airport near Osceola.
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