

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 6/10/98 @ 11 PM

Birds Mentioned:

Lesser White-fronted Goose (Exotic ?)
Least Bittern
Northern Shoveler
Redhead
Hooded Merganser
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Willow Flycatcher
Bell's Vireo
Canada Goose
Yellow-throated Warbler
Pileated Woodpecker
Cerulean Warbler

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. In news from the 10th in the southeast in Johnson County, a LESSER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE which is probably an exotic was with CANADA GEESE near the non-primitive campground area at the northeast part of the south arm of Lake MacBride.

In the northeast in Winneshiek County, LEAST BITTERN, NORTHERN SHOVELER, REDHEAD, HOODED MERGANSER, OLIVE-SIDED and WILLOW FLYCATCHERS, and BELL'S VIREO were found at Cardinal Marsh.

In the central in Boone County, birds reported from the Ledges State Park on the 6th include 4 YELLOW-THROATED WARBLERS and the active PILEATED WOODPECKER nest site in the lower canyon. The PILEATED nest hole is in a large dead tree south of the road after the fourth stream crossing. An OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER was along the Lost Lake Trail, and CERULEAN WARBLERS are being seen at the Y Camp north of Boone.

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 6/11/98 @ 7:30 AM

Birds Mentioned:

Lesser White-fronted Goose (Escape ?)
Canada Goose
Black-bellied Plover
American Golden Plover
Wilson's Phalarope
Red-necked Phalarope
Ruddy Turnstone
Hudsonian Godwit

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On the 10th in the northwest in Kossuth County, late shorebirds at Maynard Reese Waterfowl Production Area included BLACK-BELLIED and AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER, WILSON'S and RED-NECKED PHALAROPES, RUDDY TURNSTONE, and HUDSONIAN GODWIT.

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*IT MAY BE A
TRUE VAGRANT*

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 6/11/98 @ 9:30PM

Birds Mentioned:

LESSER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

Western Kingbird

Hooded Warbler

Olive-sided Flycatcher

Henslow's Sparrow

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In the central, the WESTERN KINGBIRDS are once again nesting on the state capitol grounds in Des Moines.

In the south-central in Warren County, the two HOODED WARBLERS are still singing at Lake Ahquabi State Park, an OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER was seen in the county, and a small colony of HENSLow'S SPARROWS is on private land. For more information on the sparrows, call Jim Sinclair at (515)961-4616.

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Birds Mentioned:

Blackburnian Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Mourning Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Magnolia Warbler
Eurasian Collared Dove
Common Black-headed Gull
Least Bittern
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Black-bellied Plover
American Golden Plover
Dunlin
Sanderling
Ruddy Turnstone
Sandhill Crane
Bell's Vireo
Caspian Tern
Hooded Warbler
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Northern Mockingbird
Yellow-throated Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat
Hooded Merganser

Migrating warblers and shorebirds, and other birds continue to show up in some numbers later than would be expected. For example, six WARBLER species were still present at a central Iowa location on the 7th and there were several reports of WARBLERS, including BLACKBURNIAN, CHESTNUT-SIDED, MOURNING, BLACK-THROATED GREEN, and MAGNOLIA over the state throughout the week. In addition, 12 shorebird species were still present on the 3rd in northwest Iowa. The best birds this week are COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL in the northwest and EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE in the central.

In the northwest in Dickinson County, the adult BLACK-HEADED GULL was seen once again on the evening of the 7th, this time in the swan pen at the Kettleon Hogsback Waterfowl Production Area which is just west of Big Spirit Lake. In Kossuth County, there were 12 species of shorebirds, including BLACK-BELLIED and AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVERS, DUNLIN, SANDERLING, and RUDDY TURNSTONE at the Maynard Reese Wildlife Area, which is just west of Union Slough NWR.

In the central in Poweshiek County, a EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE was still being seen at Grinnell on the 1st along 16th Avenue at the north edge of the Grinnell Country Club golf course. This area is reached from highway 146 at the north edge of Grinnell by going east on 16th Avenue. In Tama County, 6 LEAST BITTERN were present at Otter Creek Marsh on the 6th. In Marshall County, Mark Proescholdt had 6 migrant warbler species in his yard at Liscomb on the 7th.

In the northeast in Winneshiek County, two SANDHILL CRANES, a singing BELL'S VIREO, and a CASPIAN TERN were at Cardinal Marsh on the 3rd.

In the south-central in Warren County, the two male HOODED WARBLERS were still singing at Lake Ahquabi State Park on the 6th. One was 100-150 yards south of the intersection of the Lake Trail and the trail to Camp Wesley Woods, and the other was even farther south. There was also an OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER at Ahquabi on the 6th. In eastern Clarke County north of the town of Woodburn a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was found on the 6th. From hiway 34, go 1.8 miles north on gravel county road R-69 and look on the east side of the road. In Marion County, a YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER was at Ivan's Recreation Area just below the Red Rock Reservoir Dam on the 6th.

In Mahaska County, a YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT was at the Cedar Bluff Natural Area on the 6th, where it was singing across the river, after a long walk in from the parking lot. In Johnson County, a female HOODED MERGANSER was on the newer S & G Quarry pond east of the Sand Road at the south edge of Iowa City on the 5th.

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