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Subject: passerine migration

I'd have to agree with Jim Fuller's observation that the passerine migration is beginning. I didn't get time to put out a post, but our two cool evenings on Saturday and Sunday showed definite signs of the migration on NWS radar. The echoes showed up first over the river valleys of central Iowa, which usually means the passerines are moving, and we had a north wind.

To me, the bird concentrations along the rivers also show the great value of riparian corridors to birds and birding in Iowa. Something to preserve.

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Subject: IOWA RBA 8/12/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 8/12/99 @ 10:30 PM

Birds Mentioned:
American Avocet
Black-bellied Plover
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Snowy Egret
Canada Warbler
Tennessee Warbler
Black & White Warbler
Alder Flycatcher
Olive-sided Flycatcher

In news received the 12th in the southeast in Johnson County at the Hawkeye WA today, an AMERICAN AVOCET and 3 BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER were spotted by looking north from the end of Sand Point, and 4 BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS were seen along the road out to Sand Point. On the north side of the area, a SNOWY EGRET was seen by walking out on the mudflats from the area of the Blaine Cemetery Road and the Amana Road. In the central in Marshall County, migrants seen at Grammer Grove Park the past few days included CANADA, TENNESSEE, and BLACK & WHITE WARBLERS, and ALDER and OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHERS.

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Subject: IOWA RBA 8/11/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 8/11/99 @ 11 PM

Birds Mentioned:

Little Blue Heron
Snowy Egret
American Avocet
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Laughing Gull

On the 11th in the northeast in Worth County, two white LITTLE BLUE HERONS were found north of hiway 9, in a small marsh on the west side of Grout (Sp.?) Avenue between 275th and 290th Streets.

In the southeast in Johnson County at the Hawkeye WA, a LITTLE BLUE HERON, a SNOWY EGRET, and an AMERICAN AVOCET were spotted off the end of Sand Point, while another LITTLE BLUE HERON was on the east side of Greencastle Avenue north of the Swan Lake Road. At the Babcock Acces, four BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS were along the west side of the access road, and a WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER was near the end of the access road. On the 10th, a second-year LAUGHING GULL was seen northeast of the end of the Babcock Access.

In the northwest, several warbler migrants were reported from Moorehead Park north of Ida Grove.

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Birds Mentioned:
Little Blue Heron
Western Sandpiper
Cattle Egret
Snowy Egret
Least Tern
Western Grebe
Least Bittern

On the 10th in the southeast in Johnson County, 14 species of shorebirds were seen at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area, including a WESTERN SANDPIPER at Round Pond. There were also two white LITTLE BLUE HERONS along the east side of Greencastle Avenue, north of the Swan Lake Road.

There are also some reports just received from the past weekend. First in the southwest in Fremont County on the 7th there were quite a large number of herons and egrets, including CATTLE EGRETS going to roost along the south side of hiway 2 east of Nebraska City. There were also two SNOWY EGRETS in a wet field near the junction of hiway 2 and County Road L-31. A WESTERN GREBE was on the main pond at the Riverton Area on the 7th, and in Pottawattamie County, up to 7 LEAST TERNS were at the Mid American Energy Cos. south settling pond on the 7th. In the central in Tama County, 3 LEAST BITTERNs were spotted flying at Otter Creek Marsh from the south side parking lot on the 8th. In the southeast in Lee County, a dozen LITTLE BLUE HERONS were seen in the Devil's Creek Area south of Ft. Madison on the 7th. This area is along County Road X-23 about a half mile east of hiway 61.

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Birds Mentioned:
Little Blue Heron
Stilt Sandpiper
Sanderling

On the 9th in the northwest in Emmet County a white LITTLE BLUE HERON, three STILT SANDPIPERS, and a SANDERLING were seen near Swan Lake. From Gruver, go east two miles, then south on 470th Avenue two miles, and then east on 190th Street 0.8 miles.

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IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Week's Report for 8/9/99

Birds Mentioned:
GREATER ROADRUNNER
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Philadelphia Vireo
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Little Blue Heron
Snowy Egret
White-rumped Sandpiper
American Golden Plover
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper
Willet
Ruddy Turnstone
Sanderling
Upland Sandpiper
Northern Mockingbird
Henslow's Sparrow

On the 3rd, two out-of-state birders traveling through the state, reported seeing a GREATER ROADRUNNER in Mahaska County along hiway 63 between Montezuma and New Sharon, a couple hundred yards northeast of the North Skunk River. There have been no subsequent reported sightings of this bird. There has never been a record of this species in Iowa.

If my experience the evening of the 8th is any indication, it may be time to start looking for migrant passerines. I had 3 WARBLERS, including, CHESTNUT-SIDED, and three VIREOS with PHILADELPHIA, as well as an empidonax, in my yard north of Iowa City. It also may be a RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH year, as we have had three reports in the past several weeks, the latest from Cal and Bernie Knight's feeder in Iowa City on the 7th. The week's best birds are LITTLE BLUE HERON and SNOWY EGRET in the southeast.

In the southeast in Lee County, five LITTLE BLUE HERONS, four of which were white, were seen on the 5th in the Devil's Creek area south of Ft. Madison, specifically along County Road X-23, about a half mile east of hiway 61. In Johnson County, the Hawkeye WA has had a number of good birds this past week. The best was a SNOWY EGRET on the 2nd and 4th off the Babcock Access Area. Other birds seen there on the 8th were WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER, unusual in the fall, at the end of the access, and during the week, AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER, BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER, BAIRD'S SANDPIPER, and WILLET were either along or at the end of the access road. Just east of there, after a 15 minute walk out to Sand Point, there was an AMERICAN AVOCET on the 8th on a thin strand of land north of the end of Sand Point. There have also been BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER, RUDDY TURNSTONE, SANDERLING, and UPLAND SANDPIPER either at the end or along the access road. To reach this area, go north of North Liberty on hiway 965 for one and three-quarter miles, and then west on the Swan Lake Road about two and a half miles to where there is a lane to the north. Take the lane to a parking lot and then walk out to Sand Point. Another mile and a quarter along the Swan Lake Road is the Babcock Access Road. Elsewhere in Johnson County, two NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRDS were seen two and a half miles northeast of Oxford on the 5th.

In the central in Jasper County, a singing HENSLOW'S SPARROW was seen at the Neal Smith NWR. When you come into the Buffalo Area from the west side, go 0.2 miles from where you turn in. In street names that location is 0.2 miles east on S. 96th Avenue E from W. 129th Street S.

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