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IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 10/11/99 @ 10 PM

Birds mentioned: Common Tern Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow Red-shouldered Hawk American Pipit Great-tailed Grackle LeConte's Sparrow Spotted Towhee

Some reports from the past weekend need to be passed on. In the southeast in Johnson County, at the Coralville Reservoir, birds seen on the 10th in the campground area of the Sugar Bottom Recreation Area included a COMMON TERN at the beach and two SHARP-TAILED SPARROWS behind the bathhouses. An immature RED-SHOULDERED HAWK was in the Birdline's backyard north of Iowa City on the 10th. In Washington County, a RED-SHOULDERED HAWK was spotted at Bintman's Timber, which is a few miles east of Lake Darling on the 10th.

In the central in Boone County, at Harrier Marsh south of Ogden on the 10th, AMERICAN PIPITS, GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES, and a LECONTE'S SPARROW were seen on the 10th, and the SPOTTED TOWHEE was still in Karl Jungbluth's yard three miles southeast of Boone on the 10th.

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IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Week's Report of 10/11/99

**Birds Mentioned:** Pine Siskin COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL **BROWN PELICAN (No Reports)** Common Tern **Eared** Grebe LeConte's Sparrow American Avocet Peregrine Falcon Black-bellied Plover Stilt Sandpiper Long-billed Dowicher Sanderling Dunlin Merlin Spotted Towhee Black-throated Blue Warbler

After last winter was almost siskinless, it is nice to have received several reports of PINE SISKINS in the state, and surely this winter will not be the same. The week's best bird is the COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL at Spirit Lake. The last time the BROWN PELICAN was seen at the Saylorville Reservoir was on the 2nd, and we have had no reports since then,

In the northwest in Dickinson County, the adult BLACK-HEADED GULL in basic plumage was reported almost every day last week from the north end of Spirit Lake, and on the 9th, two were seen. The location where the bird(s) were most often seen was sitting on a fishing pier on the south side of the grade, which is the state line road. To reach this location, take hiway 276 north along the west side of the lake, and at the Minnesota border, turn east on 100th Street (also Jackson County, Minnesota #2), and the fishing pier is found after less than half a mile. The birds were reportedly flying back and forth into Minnesota on the 9th. One bird was located with a scope in the middle of the lake, by looking from hiway 276 on the 10th, and one bird was seen another day along the beach along hiway 276 just south of 100th Street, and finally one bird was also seen along the lakeshore by walking in to the Trickle Slough area which is east of the fishing pier. On the 10th, a COMMON TERN was seen along the grade, an EARED GREBE was in Angler's Bay, and a LECONTE'S SPARROW was at Trickle Slough. Elsewhere in the northwest in Palo Alto Co., an AMERICAN AVOCET was at Virgin Lake on the 8th, and in Pochahontas County a PEREGRINE FALCON was spotted at Sunken Island Lake WA on the 8th. In Kossuth County, among the 13 shorebird species seen at Union Slough NWR on the 5th were BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER, STILT SANDPIPER, LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER, SANDERLING, and DUNLIN. There were also PEREGRINE FALCON and MERLIN sighted there on the 5th. The shorebirds were mostly on the north side of County Road A-42, which is the road along which the HQ is located.

In the central in Boone County, Karl Jungbluth reported a SPOTTED TOWHEE in his yard about three miles southeast of Boone on the 9th, and a PEREGRINE FALCON was sighted at the Y Camp north of Boone on the 5th.

In the northeast in Cerro Gordo County, a BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER was seen in the Birch Avenue neighborhood in the southeast part of Mason City on the 6th.

In the southeast in Louisa County, a LECONTE'S SPARROW was seen from the dike at Cone Marsh on the 9th.

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