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Subject:

IOWA RBA 9/24/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-0881 Update for 9/24/99 @ 11:30 PM

Birds mentioned: BROWN PELICAN Red-neckjed Phalarope Wilson's Phalarope

On the 24th in Polk County, the BROWN PELICAN was still being seen off campground #4 at Jester County Park. Among the shorebirds at the same location were both RED-NECKED and WILSON'S PHALAROPES.

From:

David & Sheryl Killman [sordfish@kdsi.net]

Sent:

Sunday, September 05, 1999 9:10 AM

To:

Fuller, Jim

Subject:

Re: Rough-legged Hawk

Jim,

I'd of coure be glad to. I thought it seemed a little early though I didn't think to check.

Dave

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<sup>&</sup>gt; From: Fuller, Jim <james-fuller@uiowa.edu>

<sup>&</sup>gt; To: 'sordfish@kdsi.net'

<sup>&</sup>gt; Subject: Rough-legged Hawk

<sup>&</sup>gt; Date: Saturday, September 04, 1999 8:59 PM

<sup>&</sup>gt; Dave.

<sup>&</sup>gt; The Rough-legged Hawk you reported on 9/2 is a great sighting. That would be

<sup>&</sup>gt; the second earliest record date for that species, the earliest being 9/1/81.

<sup>&</sup>gt; Would you mind documenting the sighting, if I would send you a form?

<sup>&</sup>gt; Keep seeing those good birds.

<sup>&</sup>gt; Jim Fuller

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IOWA RBA 9/23/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 9/23/99 @ 11 PM

Birds Mentioned: BROWN PELICAN

On the 23rd, in the central in Polk County, the BROWN PELICAN was still being seen all day from the overlook at Campground #4 at Jester County Park. As several observers have reported, be patient if you don't find the bird right away, as it likes to huddle in the middle of the WHITE PELICANS, and can very effectively hide itself for long periods of time.

Keep scanning, and eventually you should find it.

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Subject:

IOWA RBA 9/22/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 9/22/99 @ 8 PM

Birds Mentioned:
BROWN PELICAN
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Red-Onecked Phalarope
Peregrine Falcon
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow
LeConte's Sparrow
American Pipit
American Avocet
Eurasian Collared Dove
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Cape May Warbler

On the 22nd in the central in Polk County, a BROWN PELICAN was discovered at the Saylorville Reservoir in late morning by Jim Fuller, Tom Kent, James Huntington, and Tom Staudt. The bird, which was a subadult, was with a group of WHITE PELICANS on the mudflat which can be seen from the overlook of Campground #4 at Jester County Park. The bird was seen there off and on until dark. Also seen at that location were a BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER, a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE, and a PEREGRINE FALCON. At the Runnells WA, an AMERICAN AVOCET was seen from the overlook along hiway 316 near Swan. In Greene County, both SHARP-TAILED and LECONTE'S SPARROWS were present at Snake Creek Marsh north of Rippey and in Boone County at Harrier Marsh, which is south of Ogden, AMERICAN PIPITS were observed on the most easterly pond, which is north of the gravel road. In Poweshiek County, a EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE was on the utility wire along 16th Avenue at the north edge of the Grinnell CC golf course.

In the northeast in Cerro Gordo County, BLACK-THROATED BLUE and CAPE MAY WARBLERS were sighted at Parker's Woods in Mason City.

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IOWA RBA 9/21/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 9/21/99 @ 9 PM

Birds mentioned: Marbled Godwit American Avocet Wilson's Phalarope Peregrine Falcon

On the 21st in the central in Polk County, the MARBLED GODWIT that has been around for over a week, was still present off Campground #4 at Jester County Park. At the Runnells WA overlook just off hiway 316 near Swan, there were 13 shorebird species with AMERICAN AVOCET and WILSON'S PHALAROPE, as well as a PEREGRINE FALCON. Another PEREGRINE FALCON was seen not far away, but in Marion County at the Pinchey Bottoms area of the Red Rock WA straight north of Pleasantville.

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Subject:

IOWA RBA 9/21/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 9/21/99 @ 8:30 AM

Birds mentioned:
Eurasian Collared Dove
Mute Swan
Broad-winged Hawk
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow
LeConte's Sparrow

With all the following reports from the central, on the 20th in Poweshiek County, one EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE was being seen at Grinnell along 16th Avenue at the north edge of the country club golf course and the adult MUTE SWAN was still being seen at Diamond Lake west of Montezuma. In Marshall County, of the 353 raptors at the Grammer Grove Park hawk watch, 326 were BROAD-WINGS.

On the 18th in Greene County, the Des Moines Audubon field trip to Snake Creek Marsh recorded both SHARP-TAILED and LECONTE'S SPARROWS, and the same two species were also seen around the pond south of the road at Harrier Marsh south of Ogden.

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Subject:

IOWA RBA 9/20/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Week's Report of 9/20/99

Birds Mentioned: SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER (Gone) Black-crowned Night Heron Trumpeter Swan Red-necked Phalarope **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** American Golden Plover Black-bellied Plover Common Moorhen Yellow-crowned Night Heron Marbled Godwit Common Tern Mute Swan Peregrine Falcon American Avocet Merlin

The best bird this past week was a juvenile plumaged SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER, which was discovered the evening of the 16th at Zirbel Slough in Cerro Gordo County, but has not been seen since. This is a potential second state record for this species. On the 17th, there was an immature BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON, and a TRUMPETER SWAN at Zirbel. This location can be reached by exiting highway 107 south of Clear Lake on 200th Street and going east. Elsewhere in the northwest in Kossuth County, 14 species of shorebirds, including 3 juvenile RED-NECKED PHALAROPES were present on the 18th at Union Slough NWR, in the first mile north of the headquarters. There were also BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS, GOLDEN and BLACK-BELLIED PLOVERS, and COMMON MOORHENS at Union Slough on the 15th. In Dickinson County, an immature YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON and a BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON were seen at the Spring Run complex on the 14th.

In the central in Polk County, a MARBLED GODWIT was present last week at least through the 16th off Campground #4 at Jester County Park. In Jasper County, two juvenile COMMON TERNS were found at the north end of Rock Creek Lake SP north of County Road F-27, on the 15th. In Poweshiek County, the adult MUTE SWAN was still present at Diamond Lake west of Montezuma on the 15th. In Boone County, both GOLDEN and BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER were at Harrier Marsh south of Ogden on the 16th.

In the southeast in Marion County, two PERGRINE FALCONS were seen at two locations in the Red Rock WA last week. On the 14th, they were harassing shorebirds at the Runnells WA, as viewed from the overlook off hiway 316 near Swan, and on the 15th, they were observed at the Pichey Bottoms area straight north of Pleasantville. In Johnson County at the Hawkeye WA, the three AMERICAN AVOCETS that have been around for several weeks were still being seen east of Greencastle Avenue north of the Swan Lake Road, while an immature BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON was at Swan Lake, both on the 16th. A MERLIN and 3 GOLDEN PLOVER were at the end of the Babcock Access Road on the 15th.

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