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Subject: IOWA RBA 10/8/99

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

Birds Mentioned:
COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL
American Avocet
Peregrine Falcon
Black-throated Blue Warbler

On the 8th, with all reports from the northwest, in Dickinson County the BLACK-HEADED GULL was seen again on the fishing pier which is on the south side of the state line road at the north end of Big Spirit Lake. In Palo Alto County, an AMERICAN AVOCET was found at Virgin lake. In Pochahontas County, a PEREGRINE FALCON was spotted at Sunken Island Lake WA.

On the 6th in the northeast in Cerro Gordo County, a BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER was with a group of YELLOW-RUMPEDS and ORANGE CROWNEDS in the Birch Avenue neighborhood in the southeast part of Mason City.

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Birds mentioned:
Black-bellied Plover
Stilt Sandpiper
Long-billed Dowitcher
Sanderling
Dunlin
Peregrine Falcon
Merlin

On the 5th in the northwest in Kossuth County, 13 species of shorebirds were at Union Slough NWR in the pool north of County Road A--42, which is the road the HQ is located on. There were also some shorebirds the next mile north. Included were BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER, STILT SANDPIPER, LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER, SANDERLING, and DUNLIN. Also seen there were a PEREGRINE FALCON and a MERLIN.

In the central in Boone County, a PEREGRINE FALCON was spotted at the Y Camp north of Boone.

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IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 10/4/99 @ 10 PM

Birds mentioned:
COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL
Surf SCoter (Gone)

On the 4th in the northwest in Dickinson County, the adult BLACK-HEADED GULL in basic plumage was seen once again at the north end of Big Spirit Lake. To look for this bird, take hiway 276 north around the west side of the lake, and at the Minnesota border turn east onto 100th Street (Iowa-south side of road), which is also Jackson County #2 (Minnesota-north side of road). After a quarter mile you should see a large fishing pier on the south side of the road. This is where the bird likes to hang out. Where it sits in Iowa is often less than 50 feet from the middle of the road which is the state line.

In the central, the two SURF SCOTERS were not relocated at Gray's Lake in Des Moines.

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IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Week's Report of 10/4/99

Birds Mentioned:

BROWN PELICAN
Surf Scoter
COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL
BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE
Eurasian Collared-dove
White Pelican
American Pipit
Mute Swan
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow
LeConte's Sparrow
Lark Sparrow
Virginia Rail
Merlin
Western Grebe
Horned Grebe
Common Loon
Spotted Towhee
Pine Siskin
American Avocet
Black-bellied Plover
Trumpeter Swan
Connecticut Warbler

The week's highlights include the continuation of the BROWN PELICAN, plus SURF SCOTER in the central, COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL in the northwest, BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE in the southwest, and EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE in the northeast.

In the central in Polk County, the BROWN PELICAN, first discovered at the Saylorville Reservoir on the 22nd, was reported several times last week from the overlook at Campground #4 at Jester County park. However, on the 2nd it was seen just north of the Mile Long Bridge. It still seems to be hanging out with a group of WHITE PELICANS. A flock of 30 AMERICAN PIPITS was seen at the beach of the Sandpiper Recreation Area on the 2nd. Elsewhere in Polk County, two SURF SCOTERS, one an adult male in breeding plumage, and the other a female or immature were found on the 3rd at Gray's Lake, which is off Fleur Drive just south of downtown Des Moines. In Poweshiek County, the adult MUTE SWAN was still present at Diamond Lake just west of Montezuma, on the 30th. In Greene County, a field trip to Snake Creek Marsh two miles north of Rippey on the 3rd produced nine SPARROW species, including NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED, LECONTE'S, and a late LARK SPARROW, as well as a VIRGINIA RAIL and MERLIN.

In the northwest in Dickinson County on the 1st, a BLACK-HEADED GULL in basic plumage was spotted along the north shore of Big Spirit Lake, while a WESTERN GREBE, two HORNED GREBES, and a number of COMMON LOONS were also on Big Spirit. In addition, two SPOTTED TOWHEES and a PINE SISKIN were seen. In Kossuth County at Union Slough NWR on the 2nd, among the 11 shorebird species sighted north of the HQ were 6 AMERICAN AVOCETS and 9 BLACK-BELLIED PLOVERS, while 4 TRUMPETER SWANS were on the south pool.

In the southwest in Pottawattamie County, a BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE was seen on the 27th in the valley just off the deck of the lodge at the Hitchcock Nature Center, which is in the loess hills near Crescent. In Madison County, there was a report with no additional details of a CONNECTICUT WARBLER seen in the southern part of the county on the 30th.

In the northeast in Cerro Gordo County, the EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE found in the northwest part of Mason City back in August was still being seen on the 30th in the neighborhood of the General Foods plant, specifically in the alley behind 1121 12th Street NW.

