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**Subject:** IOWA RBA 9//9/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 9/9/99 @ 10:30 PM

- Birds Mentioned:  
American Avocet  
Red-necked Phalarope  
American Golden Plover  
Sanderling  
Golden-winged Warbler

On the 9th in the northwest in Kossuth County, shorebirds seen at Union Slough NWR included 2 AMERICAN AVOCETS, a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE, 6 GOLDEN PLOVER, and a SANDERLING.

On the 8th in the northeast in Cerro Gordo County, 16 species of Warblers, including GOLDEN-WINGED were spotted at Parker's Woods in Mason City. In the central in Boone County, 2 RED-NECKED PHALAROPES and a GOLDEN PLOVER were at Harier Marsh south of Ogden.

On the 7th in the southeast in Johnson County, a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE and a 2 GOLDEN PLOVER were found east of the end of the Babcock Access at the Hawkeye WA.

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IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Week's Report for 9/6/99

Birds mentioned:

Red-breasted Nuthatch  
Red Knot  
Snowy Egret  
Little Blue Heron  
Marbled Godwit  
Black-throated Blue Warbler  
Kentucky Warbler  
Golden-winged Warbler  
Mississippi Kite  
Red-necked Phalarope  
Yellow-crowned Night Heron  
Peregrine Falcon  
Buff-breasted Sandpiper  
American Avocet  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Mute Swan  
Great Blue Heron  
Great Egret  
Cattle Egret  
Black-crowned Night Heron  
Brewster's hybrid Warbler

From the deluge of calls reporting RED-BREASTED NUTHATCHES, I think it is safe to say that an invasion of this species in the state is occurring. The highlight birds this week include RED KNOT, SNOWY EGRET, LITTLE BLUE HERON, MARBLED GODWIT, and BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER in the southeast, MISSISSIPPI KITE, RED-NECKED PHALAROPE, and LITTLE BLUE HERON in the central, LITTLE BLUE HERON, SNOWY EGRET, and YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON in the southwest, and RED-NECKED PHALAROPE in the northeast.

In the southeast in Louisa County, a RED KNOT in basic plumage was found at the Horseshoe Bend unit of the Mark Twain NWR on the 3rd and through midday on the 4th, after which it was not relocated. A LITTLE BLUE HERON was also found at that location. To reach this area, from hiway 99 about five miles east of Wapello, go south on F Avenue for a total of 3.0 miles, which includes a jog and a right turn at a T intersection. Park by a yellow gate and walk east a half to three-quarters of a mile. The bird was in the flat water to the left. All the water areas there were drying up rapidly, however. In Des Moines County at the Casey Barrow public landing on the Mississippi River about ten miles north of Burlington, a SNOWY EGRET and a MARBLED GODWIT were seen on the 3rd and early on the 4th. In Lee County numerous LITTLE BLUE HERONS were still being seen in the Devil's Creek area south of Ft. Madison on the 3rd. Go east of hiway 61 on County Road X-23. In Johnson County, two BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLERS on the 31st and one on the 1st, were seen in the south canyon at Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City, while at that location on the 5th, the 16 WARBLER species seen included KENTUCKY and GOLDEN-WINGED. At the Hawkeye WA, a PEREGRINE FALCON and 9 BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS were observed off the end of the Babcock Access Road on the 4th, while two AMERICAN AVOCETS which have been present for over three weeks, were still off Sand Point on the 4th.

In the central in Polk County, an adult MISSISSIPPI KITE was seen as a flyover on the 2nd and 3rd at Waterworks Park and Ashworth Park in Des Moines, respectively. At the Runnells WA, two RED-NECKED PHALAROPES and a RUDDY TURNSTONE were seen from the overlook along hiway 316 near Swan on the 3rd. In Poweshiek County, the adult MUTE SWAN was still being seen at Diamond Lake west of Montezuma on the 30th, while in Tama County, a LITTLE BLUE HERON was observed at Otter Creek Marsh north of the red barn on the 31st.

In the southwest in Fremont County, quite a gathering of herons was found at the Waubonsie WA along hiway 2 east of

Nebraska City on the 5th. Besides numerous GREAT BLUE HERONS and GREAT EGRETS, there were 75 CATTLE EGRETS, 13 SNOWY EGRETS, 12 BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS, one adult and one immature YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON, and 9 LITTLE BLUE HERONS, all immatures. In Ida County, among the 12 WARBLER species found at Moorehead Park north of Ida Grove on the 31st, was a BREWSTER'S hybrid.

In the northeast in Winneshiek County, a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE was found at the Ft. Atkinson sewage ponds on the 2nd.

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