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Subject: IOWA RBA 9/1/99

IOWA RBA: (319) 338-9881 Update for 9/1/99 @ 10 PM

Birds mentioned:

Black-throated Blue Warbler
Peregrine Falcon
American Avocet
Mute Swan
Little Blue Heron
Brewster's hybrid Warbler
Red-breasted Nuthatch

On the 1st in the southeast in Johnson County, at least one male BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER was still being seen in the south canyon at Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City where there were 16 warbler species on the 31st, while at the Hawkeye WA, two immature PEREGRINE FALCONS were observed chasing shorebirds off the end of the Babcock Access, and two AMERICAN AVOCETS were still being seen off Sand Point.

In the central in Poweshiek County, the adult MUTE SWAN was still at Diamond Lake west of Montezuma on the 30th, and in Tama County, an immature LITTLE BLUE HERON was at Otter Creek Marsh north of the red barn on the 30th.

In the northwest in Ida County, among the 12 WARBLER species at Moorehead Park north of Ida Grove on the 31st was a BREWSTER'S hybrid, and in Sioux County, John Van Dyk of Sioux Center had a RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH in his yard on the 29th.

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Birds Mentioned:

Red Knot
Snowy Egret
Marbled Godwit
Mississippi Kite
Red-necked Phalarope
Ruddy Turnstone

On the 3rd in the southeast in Louisa County, a RED KNOT in basic plumage was found at the Horseshoe Bend unit of the Mark Twain NWR northwest of Oakville. For directions, call Chuck Fuller at (319) 753-0710. In Des Moines County, a SNOWY EGRET and MARBLED GODWIT were at the Casey-Barrow Public Landing on the Mississippi River about ten miles north of Burlington.

In the central in Polk County, an adult MISSISSIPPI KITE was seen as a flyover at Ashworth Park in Des Moines, and 2 RED-NECKED PHALAROPES and a RUDDY TURNSTONE were at the Runnells WA, as viewed from the overlook along hiway 316 near Swan.

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Birds Mentioned:

Red Knot
Little Blue Heron
Marbled Godwit
Snowy Egret
Peregrine Falcon
American Avocet
Buff-breasted Sandpiper

On the 4th in the southeast, the RED KNOT in basic plumage was seen again at the Horseshoe Bend unit of the Mark Twain NWR northwest of Oakville. There was also a LITTLE BLUE HERON at that location. To reach this area, go five miles east of Wapello on hiway 99 and turn south on F Avenue. Follow F a total of 3.0 miles through one jog and a right turn at a T intersection and park by a yellow gate. Walk east on the road an estimated 1/2 to 3/4 mile and look in the flat water to the left. Actually the areas of water are drying up rapidly. In Des Moines County at the Casey Barrow Public Landing on the Mississippi River about ten miles north of Burlington, there was a MARBLED GODWIT which apparently flew off downriver in the morning, and a SNOWY EGRET, which has been there for several weeks. In Johnson County at the Hawkeye WA, a PEREGRINE FALCON, 2 AMERICAN AVOCETS, and 9 BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS were east of the end of the Babcock Access Road toward Sand Point.

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Birds mentioned:
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Red-necked Phalarope
Mississippi Kite
American Avocet

We received three more reports of RED-BREASTED NUTHATCHES, one involving 4 birds today. As we suggested way back in July, it appears we may be having another invasion year for these birds. In the northeast in Winneshiek County, a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE was found at the Ft. Atkinson sewage treatment pond. In the central, a MISSISSIPPI KITE was seen from Waterworks Park in Des Moines. In the southeast in Johnson County, the two AMERICAN AVOCETS were still off Sand Point at the Hawkeye WA.

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Subject: IOWA RBA 8/31/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Week's Report of 8/31/99

Birds Mentioned:

Cape May Warbler
Golden-winged Warbler
Mississippi Kite
Red-necked Phalarope
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Sanderling
Black-bellied Plover
Wilson's Phalarope
Mute Swan
American Avocet
Little Blue Heron
American Golden Plover
Least Bittern
Virginia Rail
Ruddy Turnstone

Warblers have been reported in increasing numbers at various locations around the state, topped by 14 species at Burlington on the 29th. There have been a number of CAPE MAY and GOLDEN-WINGED reports. The highlights this week include MISSISSIPPI KITE and RED-NECKED PHALAROPE in the central, and RED-NECKED PHALAROPE and BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER in the southeast.

In the central in Polk County, an adult MISSISSIPPI KITE was seen flying over Phill Walsh's home on 51st St. in Des Moines on the 29th. This is near Greenwood Park. At the Saylorville Reservoir off Campground 4 in Jester Park 3 BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS and 4 SANDERLINGS were seen on the 31st, while 2 BLACK-BELLIED PLOVERS were spotted there on the 29th. In Greene County, 4 RED-NECKED PHALAROPES were observed in the southwest corner of Dunbar Slough along County Road N-58 on the 29th. In Marion County, another RED-NECKED PHALAROPE, along with WILSON'S PHALAROPE and BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER were found on the 30th at the Runnells WA overlook area, which is reached from hiway 316 near Swan. In Poweshiek County, an adult MUTE SWAN was at Diamond Lake west of Montezuma on the 24th.

In the southeast in Johnson County, a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE was seen at the Hawkeye WA on the 28th. The bird was in the first pool west of the end of the Babcock Access Road. The 3 AMERICAN AVOCETS, which have been around now for about two weeks, were still off Sand Point there on the 29th. At Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City, two male BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLERS were found in the south canyon there on the 31st. In Louisa County, at the Horseshoe Bend unit of the Mark Twain NWR northwest of Oakville, there has been good shorebird habitat and there have also been numerous LITTLE BLUE HERONS there.

In the northwest in Kossuth County, 18 species of shorebirds were counted at Union Slough NWR on the 29th. These included AMERICAN AVOCET, AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER, and WILSON'S PHALAROPE. Most of the birds were found in the section between County Road A-40 and the first gravel road to the south. In Dickinson County, two LEAST BITTERNs and a VIRGINIA RAIL were spotted at Grover's Lake, and a RUDDY TURNSTONE was at Diamond Lake on the 27th. In Clay County 3 RED-BREASTED NUTHARCHES were observed at Trumbull Lake on the 27th.

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