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Subject: IOWA RBA: Update 7/29/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 7/29/99 @ 10 PM

Birds Mentioned:
Buff-breasted Sandpiper

On the 29th in the southeast in Johnson County, there were still numerous shorebirds with 12 species at the Hawkeye WA, including a BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER, forsaking its normally dry habitat and standing in a puddle east of the Babcock Access Road. Besides the Babcock Access, the Round Pond Area has a goodly number of shorebirds. To reach this area go north of North Liberty a mile and three-quarters on hiway 965, and then take the Swan Lake Road west. The Babcock Access is three and three quarters miles. Farther west is Greencastle Avenue, and about a mile and a half west of Greencastle is the road to Round Pond.

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Birds Mentioned:
Least Tern
Piping Plover
Western Kingbird
Western Grebe
Common Moorhen

A couple of reports that were gleaned from the Iowa Birdchat were both from the 24th. In the southwest at the MidAmerican Energy Cos. south settling pond there were 6 LEAST TERNS and 4 PIPING PLOVER. This area which is south of Council Bluffs is reached from I-29 by taking exit 42 and going north a mile and a half on the access road which parallels the interstate on its west side.

In the northwest in Dickinson County, there has been a WESTERN GREBE on Big Spirit Lake for the past several weeks, and a pair of COMMON MOORHENS with eight chicks were at the Spring Run complex. Specifically, the Moorhens were seen a half mile east of the intersection of 175th Street and 272nd Avenue.

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IOWA RBA: (319) 338-9881 Week's Report for 7/25/99 @ 12 Noon

Birds Mentioned:

Ruff (Gone)
Little Blue Heron
Stilt Sandpiper
Piping Plover
Peregrine Falcon
Blue Grosbeak
Broad-winged Hawk
Western Kingbird

The week's report is a day early, but there will be an update if any new information is received on Tuesday evening, July 27. The best bird this week is LITTLE BLUE HERON in the southeast. The RUFF at Harrier Marsh in Boone County has not been seen now since the 17th.

In the southeast in Louisa County, a LITTLE BLUE HERON was seen on the 24th at the Mark Twain NWR, Odessa Unit. From County Road X-61, take the Port Louisa Cemetery Road east down the hill and the bird was to the south just after the the dead end road to the north. Near Oakville at the new Horseshoe Bend WA, there were 12 species of shorebirds including STILT SANDPIPER, on the 24th. In Johnson County at the Hawkeye WA, until it dries up, there are a lot of shorebirds on either side of the Babcock Access Road. On the 23rd, there were 11 species, including two PIPING PLOVER. On the 22nd, an adult PEREGRINE FALCON scattered the shorebirds at that location.

In the central in Boone County, BLUE GROSBEAKS have been observed south of Boone all week, with the latest sighting on the 24th. From the 4-way stop sign on hiway 30 at Boone, go south a mile and then turn east on gravel. Follow the road to the Bluebird B & B. The birds were between the B & B and a gentle curve to the north. At the Ledges SP, a BROAD-WINGED HAWK was soaring on the 22nd. In Polk County, an adult WESTERN KINGBIRD was feeding four fledglings on the 18th in a sycamore tree at the southeast corner of the parking lot which is just east of the state capitol building in Des Moines.

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