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IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 7/19/99 @ 9 PM

Birds Mentioned:
RUFF
Western Kingbird

In the central, a late report was received of a juvenile RUFF at Harrier Marsh in Boone County on the evening of the 17th, but it was not relocated the following morning. Harrier Marsh is just south of Ogden, and the bird was on the pond which is to the east of the main marsh (The same pond where two BLACK-NECKED STILTS were seen in May). In Polk County, an adult WESTERN KINGBIRD was seen feeding four fledglings in a sycamore tree at the southeast corner of a parking lot which is east of the state capitol building in Des Moines on the 18th.

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IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Week's Report for 7/19/99

Birds Mentioned:

Mississippi Kite
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Blue Grosbeak
Yellow-throated warbler
Broad-winged Hawk
Sandhill Crane
Acadian Flycatcher
Bell's Vireo
Cerulean Warbler
Kentucky Warbler
White-eyed Vireo

The best bird this week is MISSISSIPPI KITE at Des Moines.

In the central in Polk County, MISSISSIPPI KITES have been periodically seen flying overhead in the Greenwood Park Area of Des Moines since late May. The most recent sighting was on the 15th. In Boone County, Karl Jungbluth, who lives south of Boone, had a RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH at his feeder on the 12th, and found BLUE GROSBEAKS near his home on the 16th, and they were still being seen on the 18th. From the 4-way stop along hiway 30 at Boone, go south on Story St. about a mile to a stop, where you go east on gravel. Follow the road after it right angles south to a green house with a B&B sign in the front yard. The GROSBEAKS were on a gentle curve between the right angle and the house. At the Ledges SP, another BLUE GROSBEAK was seen just north of the entrance to the Lower Ledges. Three YELLOW-THROATED WARBLERS and three BROAD-WINGED HAWKS were also seen at Ledges on the 17th. At Harrier Marsh south of Ogden, there were ten shorebird species on the 17th.

In the northeast in Allamakee County, two adult and two immature SANDHILL CRANES were seen on the east side of hiway 26 just south of New Albin on the 13th, and a YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER was at Mt. Hosmer Park in Lansing on the 14th.

In the southeast in Louisa County birds seen and or heard at Cairo Woods on the 17th included ACADIAN FLYCATCHER, BELL'S VIREO; CERULEAN WARBLER, KENTUCKY WARBLER, and WHITE-EYED VIREO. To reach this extensive area, southeast of Columbus Jct. near Q and 100th, follow 100th until it becomes 1-lane, around curves and up and down hills until you reach a parking lot with a sign with an equestrian icon. In Johnson County, at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area, eleven shorebird species, including STILT SANDPIPER and SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER, were seen at the Babcock Access on the 18th.

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