

DETAILS FOR UNUSUAL BIRD SIGHTING

SPECIES: Marbled Godwit

LOCATION: Secret Lake near Percival (Fremont County)

DATE & TIME: 21 April, 1994 (4:15-35PM)

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DESCRIPTION: We had looked at the birds on and around this small lake earlier in the day around 12 Noon, and there were no large shorebirds then. This visit, about 4 hours later, there was a group of 18 large shorebirds along the near shore of the lake about 150 feet away. They were large brownish barred shorebirds with long upturned bills. The birds were not foraging, rather they stood in a line and preened the entire time we watched them with binoculars and telescope. Frequently, one or more of the birds would raise their wings, and sometimes jump into the air, and when they did this they showed a cinnamon wing lining. During the time we watched, probably all the birds raised their wings at least once. This is a large number in one group in Iowa for this species