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DETAILS FOR RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS

WESTERN SANDPIPER:

August 10, 1999

Round Lake, Hawkeye WA (Johnson Co.)

Bird was larger than Least Sandpiper. It had black legs and a relatively long and drooping bill. It was reddish on the crown, auriculars, and scapulars, and also had some red at the bend of the wing. It also had streaking across the upper breast. It was in the shallow water.

LAUGHING GULL:

August 10, 1999

Off the end of the Babcock Access, Hawkeye WA (Johnson Co.)

Bird was roughly the size of the Ring-billed Gulls in area. It was a second year bird. The upperwing and mantle showed a dark gray (not light gray like Ring-billed or Herring), and the primaries at the wing tip were black. There was no white area either at the end of the wing or between the black and the dark gray. The underwing showed black on the primaries, and the remainder was light. There was a prominent white trailing edge. The white tail did have a relatively narrow dark terminal band, which I could not tell whether it was complete.

MARbled GODWIT:

September 4, 1999

Island in Mississippi River off Casey-Barrow Public Landing (Des Moines Co.)

The bird was standing on a sand spit. It was a godwit, relatively brown with a very long slightly upturned bill. Within a minute or so of seeing the bird it stretched its wings and the rusty underwing could be seen. Shortly thereafter, the bird took off and flew down the river, and the rusty wing lining was again visible. The rump was brown, not white like a Hudsonian.