

DETAILS FOR UNUSUAL BIRD SIGHTING

SPECIES: Yellow Rail

LOCATION: North dike at east end of Otter Creek Marsh, Tama County

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DETAILS: I was walking the north dike about 50 yards north of the east parking lot at Otter Creek Marsh, when I flushed a rail which flew east into a wet grassy area, rather than west into the marsh. I had previously flushed or seen about a dozen Soras in the marsh itself, but this bird flushed from on top of the dike. It seemed to be smaller than the Soras that I had flushed, and it also seemed to be a little lighter in color. There were also white wing patches which were very obvious as the bird flew away from me.