

Thought you might find this of interest. First RB nuthatch seen at a major NWR - and seems to be very early in year for the area.

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Dear Sir:

This letter is to confirm an early sighting of a bird not on your Checklist of Birds.

I watched a red-breasted nuthatch work for 10 minutes in a series of trees just southeast of the gravel piles in the area west of the road which was open for birding - west of the Refuge office.

There was no question of the bird's ID. It worked in several trees, had the diagnostic eye line and color of an adult red-breasted nuthatch.

I was a little surprised to see the bird in the area at this time of year. And I was equally surprised to see it missing from your checklist.

Have passed along the sighting to Mr. Vernon Kleen, who compiles such things for American Birds.

Thanks for directing me to a good spot. I ran into a couple of frustrating fall warblers, had a long visit with a great crested flycatcher, and spent far too long with both long-billed and short-billed marsh wrens.

Am a scouting supervisor for the Reds by trade and truly enjoy the opportunity to do some birding in different spots. Have logged Union Slough as a place to visit again in the spring, if time and schedule allow.

Sincerely,

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