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Bird report for Southeast Iowa--mostly Des Moines County

There has been low water on the Mississippi River all summer and fall~~y~~ making for good birding on the several sand bars that have been exposed. One of these bars is just opposite the Casey-Barrow Landing off hiway #99 nine miles north of Burlington and 5 miles east to the river. Most of the shorebird sightings were at this location. (noted by C.B.)

✓ common loon-- 2 seen on 11/1 at Montrose, Lee county; 1 seen C.B. on 11/4

Horned grebe--2 seen 11/1 at Montrose, Lee County

✓ white pelican--14 seen on 9/20 --stayed for approx. 1 week as 14 were seen on 9/27 at same location--C.B.

✓ d.c. cormorant--several hundred from early Sept. through late Oct. thinning out as November began. seen at C.B. and pool above L.D.#18

✓ great egret-- upwards of 50 seen every trip to C.B. from middle of Aug. to when they left in the middle of Oct.

✓ Little blue heron--1 on 8/17 at Casey-Barrow (white)

✓ white-winged scoter--2 females (or young) seen C.B. landing on 10/17
✓ on 10/21 1 male seen pool above L&D #18 ✓ also seen 10/25, 31 & 11/11

✓ Surf scoter--- Seen 10/21 ~~(6-10)~~ (6-10) seen L&D #18 also 10/25 (6), 10/31 (4), 11/1 see documentation sent by Bob Cecil

red breasted merganser---11/1 (6) seen at Montrose, Lee County

✓ turkey vulture-- late date 1 seen 11/6

✓ peregrine falcon--- 9/19 1 seen at C.B.

✓ golden plover--several flocks of 15-20 birds seen in fields N. of Burlington--dates ✓ 8/26, ~~8/26~~ 9/5 (20), 10/3, 10/14

✓ black-bellied plover-- singles on 9/5, 9/20, 10/7, 10/20, 10/25, 10/31, and 3 on 11/14 C.B.

✓ piping plover-- (1) on 8/29 at C.B.

✓ ruddy turnstone-- (1) on 8/9 at C.B.

upland sandpiper-- 8/1 Des Moines County

✓ willet-- singles on 8/9 and 9/5 seen at C.B.

✓ sanderling- 8/29 (2), 8/30 (6). singles on 10/25, and 11/11 seen at C.B.

Franklin's gull-- seen 8/9, 8/17, 10/18, 11/6, ~~11/18~~ 11/18 all C.B.

Bonaparte's Gull-- 10/17, 11/4

✓ common tern-- (2) seen on 8/29 at C.B.

terns-- caspian, black, and Forster's good numbers all through August into the middle of Sept.

- ✓ Barn swallow --10/24
- ✓ tree swallow-- 10/25
- chimney swift--10/14
- brown creeper-- 9/6
- ✓ Carolina wren-- 10/3
- sedge wren--10/17
- ✓ marsh wren--10/17, both sedge and marsh wren seen at Cone Marsh
- ✓ rusty blackbird-- 100 on 11/6 seen at Montrose, Lee County
- ✓ pine siskin-- (12) seen on 10/10 Aspen Grove Cemetery; numbers have been slowly growing in cemetery since
- dark-eyed junco-- 10/3
- ✓ house finch--(1) on 8/27 my mother has had at least (3) individuals all summer at her feeder, including at least 2 males, I had (1) female at my feeder on 11/1
- ✓ snow buntings --- (6) seen at C.B. on sand bar on 11/11
- ✓ lapland longspur--- 200 seen Des Moines County on 11/14

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