

Showy Shorebirds

Lake Michigan's shoreline at Montrose Harbor in Chicago and the Commonwealth Edison cooling stations in Will and Grundy counties provide perfect opportunities to glimpse a shore bird in fall on its way south. In the fall of 1992, Robert Hughes and Joe B. Milosevich captured on film some marvelous views of rare shorebirds featured here.

Milosevich photographed the Lesser Golden-Plover (below) on 5 October, one of 56 present at the Braidwood Station cooling lake in Will County. He captured the Ruddy Turnstone (upper left) on 9 October at the Collins Station cooling lake in eastern Grundy County. The species is rare away from Lake Michigan.

Hughes photographed a White-rumped Sandpiper in late August at Montrose Beach (middle left) and a Whimbrel on 28 August also at Montrose (bottom left).

