Subj: Bird Stuff

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Tom

Thanks for your message and update on records committee. Will get that done for next issue. I got a documentation on bunting from Thelen and have made a copy.

I saw the De Soto Whooping Cranes on Friday, 9 May which is the day I first heard about them. I am not sure if they were actually found the previous day or not. I stopped by the refuge yesterday and tried to find Mindy Sheets who called me but she was out for the day. Will try to find out more from her. By my recollection, the birds were there through Monday morning, 12 April and then left. I think the Page Co birds left at the same time and from what I heard they also arrived on the same date.

The bad storm that we assumed brought the birds in to lowa passed through SW lowa on the afternoon of 8 April (I drove through it) so it makes sense that they were first noted on the next day.

I never did go down to Page county to see those birds, hence my lack of a documentation on them. When the garganey reappeared, it was tempting but I had already been across the state twice in two days and that was enough.

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