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Subject: HOTLINE: Iowa Update 6/17/91

----- Message Contents ----Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 Update for 6/17/91 Thanks to Jim Scheib for handling the Birdline while I was out exploring praries in the state. A few observations from that trip.....BOBOLINKS were extremely numerous at Hayden Prarie in Howard Co., and Anderson Prarie, northwest of Estherville. UPLAND SANDPIPERS were also present at Anderson. Several BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS were seen at Rush Lake, just north of hiway 9 in Osceola Co. Also in Osceola Co., an active SWAINSON'S HAWK nest. Dick Bierman of Cherokee has been documenting a pair of nesting SWAINSON'S HAWKS in this area since 1978. The current nest can be observed just off of hiway 59 bewteen Allendorf and the O'Brien Co line; specifically two miles north of a large white rural water tower go east for a half mile to a farmstead on the south side of the road. The nest is in the next to last cottonwood tree from the south, and is best viewed from the east side. BLUE GROSBEAKS, WESTERN KINGBIRDS, and ORCHARD ORIOLES were relatively common in proper habitat in the counties bordering the Missouri River. In the north of the two IPL settling ponds south of Council Bluffs, at least 4 LEAST TERNS and 2 PIPING PLOVERS were seen on the 16th. This pond can be scoped from a gravel road overpass of I-29 north of the power plant.

And for the week's report. This is a quiet time for birds in the state, as the migrants have passed through and many of the breeding birds are on nest and not singing. In the southeast, Mark Proescholdt of Liscomb reported HENSLOW'S SPARROWS in two locations near Lacey-Keosaugua State Park. Go out the south entrance raod and make right turns. The first site was a quarter mile east of the state forest sign in a pasture across the road from a small parking lot, and the other was in the field on the south side of the road a half mile west of the 4-way stop sign. Just west of the park were WHITE-EYED and BELL'S VIREOS, and in the park he reported ACADIAN FLYCATCHER, CERULEAN and YELLOW-THROATED WARBLERS, and NORTHERN PARULAS. The same weekend near the Croton Unit of Shimek State Forest, the BEWICK'S WREN was back singing in the junkyard. To find the location, from the village of Argyle in Lee County, go west two miles and then right at a Y, and the junkyard is 0.3 miles on both sides of the road. Just into the woods from a small parking lot on the right which is 1.3 miles from the Y, there were CAROLINA WREN, YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT, CERULEAN, BLUE-WINGED, and WORM EATING WARBLERS, LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH, and WHITE-EYED VIREO. At Cone Marsh south of Lone Tree on the 15th: YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT, PROTHONOTARY and YELLOW WARBLERS, and WILLOW FLYCATCHERS. Three RING-NECKED DUCKS have lingered at Swan Lake in Johnson Co., and were again observed on the 15th. If they are nesting, it would be the first such record for the county. The GAMBEL'S QUAIL in Iowa City reappeared in the Douglas St./Douglas Ct. neighborhood in the southwest part of town on the 16th. For updates, call Kristin Swihart at (319)338-7628. While the bird is presumed to be a escapee, it is in beautiful plumage.

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