

② A BROOD OF BARN OWLS <sup>WAS</sup> ~~HAS BEEN~~ REPORTED IN TAYLOR COUNTY <sup>ON JUNE 24 THIS IS STILL PRESENT</sup> THEY ARE ON THE FARM OF DELBERT FREEMYER, AND THERE HAVE BEEN 6 YOUNG, BUT AT THIS TIME THERE ARE 3. THIS IS THE 3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR IN A ROW THAT BARN OWLS HAVE NESTED HERE. THE FREEMYER FARM IS FOUND BY EXITING HIGHWAY 2 AT A POINT <sup>WHERE</sup> 2 MILES WEST OF <sup>COMES FROM N. Hwy</sup> COUNTY ROAD N-64A AND GOING SOUTH 1 MILE. PLEASE CALL AT (712) 523-2680 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

① ~~THE MISSISSIPPI KITES IN THE WEEK'S REPORT HAVE BEEN SEEN EACH DAY THIS WEEK, INCLUDING TODAY. THEY ARE MOST LIKELY TO BE PRESENT IN THE MARSHES AND POSSIBLY THERE IS INFORMATION FOR BIRDERS ON THE <sup>TAPED</sup> <sup>CRANE'S</sup> GARAGE DOOR.~~

① A PROTHONOTARY WARDLER WAS LOCATED IN NORTHWEST WARREN COUNTY FOR DIRECTIONS CALL TIM SULLIVAN AT (715) 961-4666

THE MISSISSIPPI KITES NEAR DEL MOINES AND THE BARN OWLS IN TAYLOR COUNTY, AND THE WESTERN CROWBET AT UNION BLVD <sup>AND THE YELLOW CRANE'S GARAGE</sup> ALL IN THE WEEK'S REPORT WERE STILL BEING SEEN ON FRIDAY THE 28<sup>TH</sup>. THE CRANE'S HAVE TAPED INFORMATION FOR BIRDERS ABOUT THE MISSISSIPPI KITES TO THEIR GARAGE DOOR.

SNOWBIRDS HAVE STARTED RETURNING, AS SINCE WILCETS WERE SEEN SOUTH OF MINNAPPA AND SOUTH OF HUMBOLDT, AS WELL AS STILT SANDPIPER AND YELLOWBILLS ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup>.

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 6/24/91

The big news is that a pair of MISSISSIPPI KITES spent the weekend of June 22-23 in the western Des Moines suburb of Clive. They were in the backyard of the Fred Cranes (and their neighbors) at 7660 Harbach Blvd. This location is reached by exiting I-235 at 8th St. in W. Des Moines, and going north to University Ave. Follow University a short distance, and then go north on 75th. Follow 75th up the hill and around several curves until it turns into Harbach Blvd., and it is then the second house on the left. From numerous observations, it appears that the pair may be attempting to nest. You can call the Cranes for updates at (515)279-8440

In the southeast, at the IOU field trip at the Croton Unit of Shimek State Forest in Lee County on the 22nd, all of the target specialities were seen by a group of about 15. At the junkyard location, which is found by going west from the stop sign in the village of Argyle for two miles, and then right at a Y for 0.3 miles, the BEWICK'S WREN was singing very sporadically at the east end, and a blotchy first year male SUMMER TANAGER was observed. By going into the woods from a small parking lot on the right, which is 1.3 miles from the Y, the group saw 2 HOODED WARBLERS, WORM EATING, CERULEAN, and BLUE WINGED WARBLERS, YELLOW BREASTED CHAT, WHITE EYED VIREO, LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH, CAROLINA WREN, NORTHERN PARULA, ACADIAN FLYCATCHER, and SCARLET TANAGER, and nearby a YELLOW THROATED WARBLER. In Van Buren County, HENSLow'S SPARROWS were found at two locations near Lacey-Keosauqua State Park. Go out the gravelled south entrance road to a four-way stop, and turn right. At least two birds were in a field in about a half mile, and across the road from the Lloyd Balmer residence. Farther along, and across the road from a small parking area, a singing bird was seen on the 21st. There is a gap in the fence where you can walk into that field. Elsewhere in the southeast, a SCARLET TANAGER was near the second of two Cedar Valley Trails along the Sugar Bottom entrance road at the Coralville Reservoir on the 23rd, and a LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE was along the south road at Cone Marsh in Louisa Co. on the 23rd. Two YELLOW BILLED CUCKOOS were along the railroad tracks just off the Sullivan Slough Road near the Iowa Southern generating plant south of Burlington on the 23rd, and an adult YELLOW CROWNED NIGHT HERON was a little farther along that road on the 19th.

In the northwest, the two WESTERN GREBES were still being seen on the 19th at Union Slough NWR. Look north from Kossuth Co. road B-14, where it crosses the slough. Five EARED GREBES were at Rush Lake, just north of hiway 9 in Osceola Co., and six BLUE GROSBEAKS were counted in Lyon and Sioux Cos. on the 23rd. A GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE was present at Lakin Slough in Guthrie Co. on the 22nd.

In the northeast, a PROTHONOTARY WARBLER was along Catfish Creek in the Mines of Spain area at the south edge of



Dubuque on the 21st. At Cardinal Marsh in Winneshiek Co. on the 17th, two COMMON MOORHENS that have been present for a month now were still in the southeast portion of the marsh, and there was a drake RING-NECKED DUCK, BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO, and WILLOW FLYCATCHER. A NORTHERN HARRIER was hunting over a field two miles northeast of Hayden Prairie in Howard Co. on the 22nd. Near the visitor's center at Effigy Mounds National Monument in Allamakee Co., a CERULEAN WARBLER and YELLOW BELLIED SAPSUCKERS were seen on the 23rd. Up to 8 SAPSUCKERS, including young birds, have been feeding daily on a birch tree there. A LEAST BITTERN was at Sweet Marsh in Bremer Co. on the 22nd.

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