

AT HICKORY HILL PARK IN IOWA CITY THIS
MORNING THE 24TH WHITE EYED VIREO, YELLOW
BREASTED CHAT, 6 MOULDER, 3 CANADA, AND 2
CONNECTICUT WARBLER, AND 2 YELLOW BELLIED
SAPSUCKER.

In news from THE 21ST IN CENTRAL IOWA, THE WESTERN KINGBIRDS HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR TERRITORY JUST EAST OF DES MOINES FOR AT LEAST THE SIXTH STRAIGHT YEAR. THE LOCATION IS 0.1 MILE NORTH OF HIGHWAY 163 AT THE INTERSECTION OF 70TH STREET NE AND 12TH AVENUE NE. TO GET THERE TAKE 70TH STREET FROM 163 NEAR MILE MARKER 7. *THERE WERE 5TH COAST EGRETS TODAY IN STORY COUNTY 2 MILES EAST AND 2 1/2 MILES NORTH OF COLO. AND AT BAY'S BRANCH IN BUTLER COUNTY, A SUBSTANTIAL FLOCK OF SMALL SANDPIPERS ALONG THE EAST SIDE INCLUDED SEVERAL WATS RUMPPEDS AND DUNLINS.

→ A RED NECKED PHALAROPE WAS AT A GRASSY POND WITH SHEEP IN THE FIELD THERE 2 1/4 MILES EAST OF COLO ALONG OLD HIGHWAY 30

① THE BIG NEWS FROM THE 22ND WAS A MISSISSIPPI KITE SEEN BY THE PROFSCHLOT'S IN HAMILTON COUNTY FLYING SOUTH ALONG THE SKUNK RIVER EAST OF RANDALL. ALSO THAT DAY A COMMON LOON AT LITTLE LUAN LAKE, A BLACK BELLED PLOVER AT MOECKLEY PRAIRIE AND 10 DUNLIN AT THE MAIN COLO POND. IN CARROLL, SHIRLEY SHIRK REPORTS A YELLOW BREASTED CHAT IN HER YARD! YOU CAN CALL HER AT (712) 792-4615. AND THERE WAS GOOD SHORE BIRDING ON THE 28TH IN LINN COUNTY A MILE SOUTH OF THE ENTRANCE TO PLEASANT CREEK S.P. ALONG LEWIS BOTTOMS ROAD WHERE NEB SWAMP GOAWIT, STILT SANDPIPER, DOWITCHER, RUDDY TURNSTONES WERE FOUND

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When I returned from the IOU spring meeting at Waterloo this weekend, the birdline machine had malfunctioned, and all messages on it were lost. So if you had left a message on either the 18th or 19th, please repeat it.

Of all the outstanding sightings of last week, we have had no more news about the FISH CROW in Muscatine County, the GARGANEY, WHIMBREL, or TOWNSEND'S WARBLER in Woodbury County, the IBIS (sp) in Hamilton County, or the BLACK SHOULDERED KITE in Warren County.

The IOU field trips over the weekend produced 146 total species, despite flooding conditions in many of the best birding areas. There were 28 total warbler species seen, including PINE, CAPE MAY, BAY BREASTED, KENTUCKY, PROTHONOTARY, MOURNING, and CONNECTICUT, plus YELLOW BREASTED CHAT, almost all at three locations, the Riverview Bible Conference and adjoining cemetery where the meeting was held, George Wyth State Park, and Sweet Marsh in Bremer County. All seven vireo species were counted, including WHITE EYED at the Dudgeon area north of Vinton. All the flycatchers were found except Acadian, with several ALDER, YELLOW BELLIED, and OLIVE SIDED. Both AMERICAN and LEAST BITTERNs, SORA, and VIRGINIA RAILS were at Sweet Marsh. At George Wyth State Park, a RED SHOULDERED HAWK was in the Canfield area, while a late COMMON LOON was on the lake. A CATTLE EGRET was along Wagner Road east of the Waterloo airport, and a COMMON MOORHEN was in a flooded ditch on the east side of Big Woods Road about a mile and a half east of hiway 218. In Grundy County, there were hundreds of LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER in farm fields, and two HUDSONIAN GODWITS were also spotted.

In other reports, in the central part of the state, a WORM EATING WARBLER was at Grammer Grove Park in Marshall County and two pairs of GREAT TAILED GRACKLES were at the south end of LAKIN SLOUGH in Guthrie County on the 15th. A PINE WARBLER was seen in the Eldora cemetery in Hardin County on the 19th. Twelve CATTLE EGRETS were in the pasture at Moeckley Prarie east of Polk City on the 19th, and a SURF SCOTER was at Little Wall Lake in Hamilton County on the 18th. At the Colo Ponds in Story County on the 19th, two STILT SANDPIPERS were two miles east of Colo along old hiway 30, and 2 and a half miles north of that location there were 100 LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER, a BLACK BELLIED PLOVER, two HUDSONIAN GODWITS, DOWITCHERS, a SANDERLING, and a RUDDY TURNSTONE. Two CATTLE EGRETS were southwest of Maxwell, where hiway 210 crosses the Skunk River.

In the north central, three EARED GREBES were at Ventura Marsh, and a SHARP TAILED SPARROW at Zirbel Slough in Cerro Gordo County on the 16th.

In the southeast on the 16th at Croton Unit of Shimek State

Forest, CERULEAN, NORTHERN PARULA, KENTUCKY, and GOLDEN WINGED WARBLERS, YELLOW BREASTED CHAT, WHITE EYED VIREO, CAROLINA WREN, singing ACADIAN and ALDER FLYCATCHERS, and a BREWSTER'S hybrid WARBLER. This location is reached by going west from the stop sign in the village of Argyle for two miles and then taking the right fork and proceeding another 1.3 miles to a small parking lot on the right. Farther along this same road toward Croton, a BLUE GROSBEAK was found about a mile past the Turkey Run Des Moines River access, and near a mailbox with the name Ray Palmer, Jr. In Van Buren County, at Lacey-Keosauqua State Park, LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH, NORTHERN PARULA, YELLOW THROATED, and WORM EATING WARBLERS, plus SCARLET TANAGER and CAROLINA WREN were at the Ely Ford and stone bridge area, while a SUMMER TANAGER was along the south entrance road 0.3 miles from the campground. Near the park, there were BELL'S VIREOS and NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRDS. Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

