

ON THE
13TH

ANOTHER GREAT BIRD THAT IS NOT CHASEABLE WAS SEEN
~~THE~~ ANN JOHNSON SIGHTED A FLYOVER BLACK
SHOULDERED KITE IN THE CARLISE-MARTENSDALE AREA
SOUTH OF DES MOINES. AND BELL'S VIREO'S ARE
NORTH OF FAIRFIELD NEAR WHERE B STREET
CROSSES THE OLD ROCK ISLAND RAILROAD TRACKS

THE 14TH

IN NEW INFORMATION TODAY, A SNOWY EGRET WAS DIS-
COVERED THIS EVENING IN DALLAS COUNTY IN THE RALCOON
RIVER BOTTOMS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF COUNTY ROAD 179
2.4 MILES WEST OF I-35 SOUTH. AT HICKORY HILL
PARK IN IOWA CITY WHITE EYED VIREO AND A YELLOW
BREASTED CHAT AND AT FAIRFIELD A YELLOW THROATED
WARBLER WAS FOUND AT CATAWBA PARK. FROM THE
13TH, ALL 7 VIREO SPECIES WERE SEEN AT CROTON
AND LACEY KEO SAUKIA.

ON THE 15TH

IN THE SOUTHWEST ~~TODAY~~ AT THE CROTON UNIT OF
SHAMEK STATE FOREST ALL THE BIRDS DESCRIBED IN
THE WEEK'S REPORT WERE SEEN EXCEPT HOODED AND
WORM EATING WARBLER. BIRDS SEEN IN ADDITION
WERE BREWSTER'S HYBRID WARBLER AND SINGING
ACADIAN AND PLOVER FLYCATCHERS. THE BENICK'S WREN AT THE JUNCTION
WERE NOT FOUND, BUT THE BLUE GROSBEAK WAS PRESENT
NEAR THE RAY PALMER MAILBOX. AT LACEY KEO SAUKIA, YELLOW
THROATED, ^{AND} PARULA, WARBLER, LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH, CAROLINA
WREN, SCARLET TANAGER WERE IN THE STONE BRIDGE - FLY FORD
AREA AND A SINGING WORM EATING WARBLER WAS ABOUT 100
YARDS UP THE CREEK FROM THE STONE BRIDGE. A SUMMER
TANAGER WAS ALONG THE SOUTH ENTRANCE ROAD 0.3 MILE
FROM THE CAMPGROUND. NEAR THE PARK BELL'S VIREO AND
NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD. IN JOURNAL TO BERTSINGER + WILLIAMS BY 509M

② NEWS RECEIVED THE 16TH, TWO MORE OUTSTANDING
SIGHTINGS WHICH DID NOT STICK AROUND CAME FROM
THE SIOUX CITY AREA. BOTH WERE ON PRIVATE
PROPERTY AND NO OTHER DETAILS WERE GIVEN. ON
THE 11TH A GARGANEY, WHICH WOULD BE A FIRST
STATE RECORD, ON THE 13TH A HUMMIBREY AND ON
THE 14TH A DUNLIN. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL
JERRY PROBST AT WORK AT (712) 258-0635
ON THE 15TH

② FROM AROUND THE STATE 2 PAIR OF GREAT TAILED
GRACKLES, AND A LEWIS'S SPARROW
WERE AT LAKES SLOUGH IN GUTHRIE COUNTY,
3 EARED GRACKLES AT VENTURA MARSH AND AT SHARP
TAILED SPARROW AT ZIEBEL SLOUGH, BOTH IN CLAY
COUNTY, AND CELESTIAL WARBLER AT YELLOW
RIVER STATE FOREST IN ALLAMAKEE COUNTY

① IN REPORTS RECEIVED THE 17TH IN POLK COUNTY
AT BIG CREEK STATE PARK,
A SUMMER TAVAGER AND A BELL'S VIREO ALONG 146TH
STREET AND AT ANDELUFF PRAIRIE 13 HOUSLONIAN GOOWITS,
20 SHORT BILLED DOWITCHERS, 5 WILSON'S PHALAROPES AND 3
UPLAND SANDPIPERS, ALL ON THE 12TH. AT THE COLE POND IN
STORY COUNTY, 2 UPLAND A STUT, AND 6 WHITE RUMPED
SANDPIPERS ON THE 13TH. AT GRAMMER GROVE PARK IN
MARSHALL COUNTY A WARM EATING WARBLER AND BLACK BILLED
CUCKOO ON THE 15TH, AND NORTH OF CLEMENS, 6
BLACK BILLED PLOVERS ON THE 16TH

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 5/13/91

Some truly outstanding sightings have been reported the past few days. The highlights include FISH CROW, as well as PRARIE WARBLER in the southeast, TOWNSEND'S WARBLER in the northwest, two WESTERN TANAGERS and an IBIS (Sp) in the central, and a BLACK HEADED GROSBEAK in the north central. Never have so many good birds been seen by so few. As is often true during the peak of migration, unusual birds are here today and gone tomorrow.

In the southeast, a potential first state record for FISH CROW was seen by Tim Brush at Big Sand Mound Preserve in Muscatine County on the 8th, but has not been seen since. At Cone Marsh in Louisa County, Tom Shires spotted a PRARIE WARBLER on the 11th. To look in this location, park along the south road at the first entrance with a chain across it west of where the road crosses the marsh. Walk north along the hedgerow. The nonsinging male bird was seen near the end of the hedgerow, close to a mile in from where you park. As you walk along, there are numerous BELL'S and WHITE EYED VIREOS, and YELLOW BREASTED CHATS. Don't forget your bug spray. Elsewhere in the southeast, the HOODED, WORM EATING, KENTUCKY, CERULEAN, and other warblers, plus CAROLINA WREN and YELLOW BREASTED CHAT were still being seen on the 11th at Croton Unit of Shimek State Forest, but the BEWICK'S WRENS at the junkyard were not found. In Lee County, from the stop sign in the village of Argyle, go west on gravel two miles to a Y. Take the right fork, and the junkyard is about 0.3 miles, and the area in which to park to look for the other birds is 1.3 miles on the right, and just before a small bridge. Farther along this same road toward Croton, the BLUE GROSBEAK has returned to its location of last summer, which is about a mile upstream from the Turkey Run Des Moines River Access, and near a mailbox with the name Ray Palmer, Jr. In Johnson County, around the bird blind at the MacBride Nature Center, a nice assortment of warblers and thrushes, plus a SCARLET TANAGER were seen on the 11th.

In the northwest, Bill Garthwaite of Lincoln, Nebraska, saw a singing male TOWNSEND'S WARBLER at Stone State Park in Sioux City. The sighting was in the morning on May 11th along the Bunny Hill Trail behind the Loess Lodge.

In the north central in Cerro Gordo County, a BLACK HEADED GROSBEAK reported from Mason City on the 9th never reappeared, and at Zirbel Slough, the RED NECKED GREBE, the two drake CINNAMON TEAL, and the seven EARED GREBES present on the 7th and 8th were gone the next day. At Rice Lake near Lake Mills, 150 RING NECKED DUCKS were still present last week, and at Lake Cornelia in Wright County, a COMMON LOON and OSPREY were observed, while a GOLDEN WINGED WARBLER was at Pilot Knob State Park near Forest City.

In the central part of the state, WESTERN TANAGERS were reported at Red Rock Reservoir on the 8th, and at a West Des

Moines feeder on the 5th, but are no longer around. An IBIS species, discovered on the 9th at the east edge of Jewell in Hamilton County, was still at that location on the 11th. This pond is on the north side of hiway 175 just east of an overpass. All of the following sightings were recorded on the 11th: a COMMON LOON at Little Wall Lake in Hamilton County, AMERICAN BITTERNS at Snake Creek Marsh in Greene County and Anderson Lake in Hamilton County, BUFF BREASTED and WESTERN SANDPIPERS at Moeckley Prarie northeast of Polk City, and an EARED GREBE and five HUDSONIAN GODWITS were there on the 8th, four CATTLE EGRETS at Long's Pond in Guthrie County which is two and a half miles south, and a half mile east of Jamaica, and at the Ledges State Park in Boone County, 23 warbler species, plus a WHITE EYED VIREO where Davis and Pease Creeks unite. In a wet spot in a field in Warren County, all five PEEP SANDPIPERS were seen on the 12th. At Otter Creek Marsh in Tama County, an AMERICAN BITTERN and two VIRGINIA RAILS were present on the 8th, and a SNOWY EGRET was in the southwest corner where water is over the road near the railroad tracks on the 10th.

In the northeast, in Allamakee County, two CATTLE EGRETS were at Fish Farm Mounds Pond along hiway 26 about 4-5 miles south of New Albin, In Linn County, a YELLOW CROWNED NIGHT HERON was at Boysen Springs Park in Marion on the 9th. Park in the lot off Boysen Road, and walk over a wooden footbridge, where the bird was on the right.

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