

COUNTY SOUTH OF WASHINGTON. BILL WILL BE
HAPPY TO SHOW YOU THE BIRDS AND YOU CAN COME
NIGHT ^{EVENINGS} AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS AT (319) 653-2099.

AND IN SW IOWA AT ATLANTIC IN CASI COUNTY,
THE HOUSE FINCH INVASION HAS FINALLY REACHED
THIS PART OF THE STATE, AS A PAIR HAS BEEN
PRESENT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

However, we have had no reports either way since Monday the 12th when the birds were not seen during an evening search.

The big news this past week was the presence of 2 subadult Mississippi Kites near Vinton in Benton County. One bird was discovered on June 5, and two were seen ^{later in the week} ~~on Thursday and Friday, the 8th and 9th.~~ ^{and} One bird was seen by some observers on Saturday the 10th; ~~but we have had no reports either way from Sunday the 11th~~ To look for these birds, go north of Vinton on Highway #150, cross the Cedar River, and just before another bridge, there is a pull off on the west side of the road where a power line goes west. Walk ^{west} along the power line cut. The birds have been seen in a dead tree just north of the power line between the 4th + 5th power poles or in dead trees around the pond which can be observed from between the 5th + 6th power poles. Do not tramp around as there is an active Red Shouldered Hawk nest in this area.

In Central Iowa at Lakin Slough in NE Guthrie County, a pair of Great Tailed Grackles apparently is nesting toward the north end of the marsh, and Black-crowned Night Herons are also present. The female Grackle was seen with food in her mouth on the 10th. And at Saylorville Reservoir, Polk Co. at the beach of the Sandpiper Rec Area, a Western Grebe + Spotted Sandpiper on the 10th. ~~And~~ In Southeast Iowa, Summer Tanager near the home of Bill Rena in Washington

