

ON JUNE 4TH

TODAY AT THE NORTH SETTLING POND AT THE IPL GENERATING STATION SOUTH OF COUNCIL BLUFFS THERE WERE 21 LEAST TERNS, WITH 11 NESTS AND 2 YOUNG BIRD SEEN, 9 PIPING PLOUING AND 3 NESTS. ALSO STILT SANDPIPER, LEAST SANDPIPERS AND BLUE GRASSBANK. THE NORTH POND IS OFF LIMITS WITHOUT A PERMIT, BUT IT CAN BE SCOPED FROM A DISTANCE FROM A GRAVEL ROAD OVERPASS OF I-29 JUST NORTH OF THE PLANT, AND REACHED FROM COUNTY ROAD L-31 ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF THE INTERSTATE.

IN REPORTS TODAY FROM THE NORTHWEST, IN NEBOLA COUNTY, 2 EARED GRACKLES WERE AT RUSH LAKE JUST NORTH OF HIGHWAY 9 AND AN ADULT + 2 YOUNG SCOVILL'S HAWKS WERE STUCK AT THE NEST SITE. ALONG HIGHWAY 59 BETWEEN ALLEN COUNTY + THE O'BRIEN COUNTY LINE THERE IS A LARGE RURAL WATER TANK. GO NORTH FROM THAT TANK 2 MILES, THEN EAST A HALF MILE. THE NEST IS IN THE NEXT TO LAST COTTONWOOD TREE FROM THE SOUTH IN A ROW OF TREES AND IS BEST OBSERVED FROM THE EAST. A CATTLE EGRET WAS SEEN AT UNION SLOAN NW R. WHERE KASSATH COUNTY ROAD A-42 CROSSES IT.

IN MADISON COUNTY, AN UNUSUAL SUMMER SPINNAHAWK WAS SEEN AT BADGER CREEK STATE PARK OR THE EAST S. ROAD AND THE MISCELLANEOUS NESTS AT DM WERE STUCK THERE ON THE 5TH

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 7/1/91

The good birds of last week are all still present, and it is likely that they all have nested, are nesting, or are attempting to nest. They include BARN OWLS in Taylor Co., MISSISSIPPI KITES near Des Moines, WESTERN GREBES at Union Slough NWR, and YELLOW CROWNED NIGHT HERON in the southeast.

The three young, and two adult BARN OWLS were still present and in two separate barns on the farm of Delbert Freemyer in Taylor Co. on the 29th. The location is east of Bedford, and specific directions are: Leave hiway 2 at a point that is two miles west of where county road N-64 comes in from the north, and go one mile south on gravel to the house on the west side of the road. Please call Mr. Freemyer at (712)523-2680 for updates and to make arrangements to see the owls.

The pair of MISSISSIPPI KITES were still in a neighborhood of the western Des Moines suburb of Clive, at least through the 30th. They are being kept track of by Fred and Anne Crane of 7660 Harbach Blvd, whom you can call at (515)279-8440. They have had information for birders taped to their garage door. To find their home, exit I-235 at 8th St. in West Des Moines, and go north to University Ave. Follow University west a short distance and turn north on 75th. Follow 75th up a hill and around several curves until it becomes Harbach Blvd., and 7660 is then the second house on the left. Elsewhere in the central, a WESTERN KINGBIRD was seen in Guthrie Co. on the west side of hiway 25, a mile south of its junction with hiway 384.

In the northwest, at Union Slough NWR, two adult WESTERN GREBES are speculated to be nesting, and have been observed through the 30th. They are being seen in the large pool, which is viewed by looking north from the road which crosses the slough a mile south of Kossuth Co. road B-14. Elsewhere, in flooded fields east of West Bend, there were six duck species, including GREEN WINGED TEAL, SHOVELER, and RUDDY DUCK on the 29th, as well as FRANKLIN'S GULLS, 9 WILLETS, 2 MARBLED GODWITS, and 6 GREATER YELLOWLEGS. On the 28th, a WILLET and GREATER YELLOWLEGS were present in a flooded field south of Humboldt. There are also large numbers of GREAT EGRETS in the Union Slough, Buffalo Creek, and Des Moines River areas of Kossuth Co., many of which are in breeding plumage. Some have made attempts at nestbuilding, which might indicate that they are refugees from other rookeries.

In the southeast, the adult YELLOW CROWNED NIGHT HERON was seen again along the Sullivan Slough Road near the Iowa Southern Utilities generating plant south of Burlington.

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