

(2) ON ~~TODAY~~ THE 8TH AT THE BABCOCK ARMS OF THE CORALVILLE RESERVOIR, THERE WERE 12 SHOREBIRD SPECIES INCLUDING DOWITCHERS, STILT SANDPIPER, AND WESTERN SANDPIPER

AND ~~THE~~ ^{JULY} 8TH WAS THE BIRTHDAY OF Iowa City BIRDER CAL KNIGHT, SO HE AND WIFE BERNIE TOOK A LONG BIRDING TRIP. THE FIRST STOP PRODUCED 4 BARN OWLS AT THE DELBERT FREEMAN FARM EAST OF BEDFORD IN TAYLOR COUNTY. TO FIND THIS LOCATION, EXIT HIGHWAY 2, 2 MILES WEST OF UNION COUNTY ROAD N-64 ROUNDS IN FROM THE NORTH THEN GO SOUTH ON GRAVEL 1 MILE AND THE FREEMANS LIVE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ROAD. YOU CAN CALL FOR UPDATES AT (712) 523-2680. IN FREEMAN COUNTY THERE WERE WESTERN KINGBIRDS ALONG THE FIRST ROAD NORTH OF FORGED LAKE, AND AN ESTIMATED DOZEN BLUE GROSBEAKS IN THE THURMAN BARTLETT AREA. AT THE NORTH IPL POND THEY SAW LEAST TERNS AND PIPING PLOVERS. AND THEY FINISHED THE DAY SEEING THE 2 MISSISSIPPI KITES IN CLIVE.*

(1) TODAY, THE 9TH ^{IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL} WHERE THE HIGH WATERS ARE RECEDED AT LAKE RED ROCK SOUTH OF SOUTH ELLIOTT STATE PARK THERE WERE A NUMBER OF WATER BIRDS INCLUDING 2 SHORT BILLED DOWITCHERS, A WESTERN SANDPIPER 2 CASPIAN TERNS, AN IMMATURE COMMON TERN IN WITH 20 RING BILLED GULLS AND 6 GREAT EGRETS

AND AT THE MAURBIDE NATURE CENTER IN JOHNSON COUNTY, AN OSPREY WAS FISHING IN THE CORALVILLE RESERVOIR TODAY

✓ THE PROESCHLOTS ALSO MADE A SOUTHWEST TOWN SWAMP
ON THE 8TH AND 9TH, AND SAW ALL OF THE BIRDS
THE KNIGHTS REPORTED PLUS 2 CHUCK WILDS WINDS
IN THEIR USUAL LOCATION IN THE HELLS ABOUT 2 MILES
NORTH OF WARBOSLIE STATE PARK, 5 BLUE GRASS BEARS
AND 9 UPLAND SANDPIPERS IN THE FLOOD PLAIN WEST OF
WARBOSLIE AND A WILLET AT THE SOUTH ZOL POND.
FROM THE NORTHWEST THEY REPORTED A COMMON MOORHEN AT
THE NORTH END OF LAKING SLOUGH IN GUTHRIE COUNTY
ON THE 11TH AND A WESTERN GREBE AT UNION SLOUGH SOUTH OF
KOSLATH COUNTY ROAD B-14, ON THE 3RD.

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 7/8/91
The highlights this week are the continued presence of MISSISSIPPI KITES near Des Moines, EARED GREBES and SWAINSON'S HAWKS in the northwest, LEAST TERNS and PIPING PLOVERS nesting in the southwest, and HENSLOW'S SPARROWS and GREAT TAILED GRACKLE in the southeast.

In the southwest, at the north IPL settling pond south of Council Bluffs there were 21 LEAST TERNS and 11 nests, and 9 PIPING PLOVERS and 3 nests, probably the greatest concentration of these two species there ever. There were also LEAST SANDPIPERS, a STILT SANDPIPER, and a BLUE GROSBEAK, all on July 4th. The south pond there is readily accesible by following a gravel road north from exit 42 of I-29 along the west side of the interstate. The north pond is off limits without a permit, but can be scoped from a distance from a gravel road overpass of I-29 just north of the power plant that can be reached from county road L-31 along the east side of the interstate.

In the northwest, in Osceola Co. on the 6th, two EARED GREBES and numerous BLACK CROWNED NIGHT HERONS were at Rush Lake, and an adult and two young SWAINSON'S HAWKS were still at their nest site at a farmstead. Along hiway 59 bewteen Allendorf and the O'Brien Co. line there is a large rural water tower. Go north two miles from this water tank, and then east a half mile. The nest is in the next to last cottonwood tree from the south, and is best viewed from the east side. A CATTLE EGRET was seen at Union Slough NWR where Kossuth Co. road A-42 crosses the slough on the 6th.

In the central, the pair of MISSISSIPPI KITES first reported on June 22nd were still being seen through June 5th. They were in the backyard of Fred and Anne Crane at 7660 Harbach Blvd. in Clive, and you can call them at (515)279-8440. They have had information for birders taped to their garage door. To reach 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 then go north on 75th. Follow 75th up a hill and around several curves, until it becomes Harbach Blvd., and then it is the second house on the left. In Madison Co., an unusual summer OSPREY has been at Badger Creek State Park for the past five days.

~~In the south central, we have had no further news about the BARN OWLS on the farm of Delbert Freemyer east of Bedford, but you can call Mr Freemyer for information at (712)523-2680.~~

In the southeast, in Lee County, at the Croton Unit of Shimek State Forest, WHITE EYED VIREO, LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH, KENTUCKY and BLUE WINGED WARBLERS, YELLOW BREASTED CHAT, NORTHERN PARULA, ACADIAN FLYCATCHER, and CAROLINA WREN were seen on the 6th. And three miles southeast of the village of Croton along the Des Moines

River road, two male BLUE GROSBEAKS were singing, one in the usual place near the mailbox with the name Ray Palmer, Jr. At Lacey-Keosauqua State Park in Van Buren Co., a YELLOW THROATED WARBLER was at the Ely Ford area, and at least five HENSLOW'S SPARROWS, with the possibility of up to 10 or 12, were just outside the park. For directions on the HENSLOW'S SPARROWS, or any of the sightings from the southeast, call Pete Wickham at (319)363-6884. In Johnson County, a FRANKLIN'S GULL was observed near where I-380 crosses the Coralville Reservoir on the 6th. And the best yard bird of the week was a GREAT TAILED GRACKLE that put in a brief appearance in the backyard of Rick Hollis in the east part of Iowa City on the 6th. Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

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