

IN NEWS FROM THE 23<sup>RD</sup> AT THE RIVERTON AREA  
IN FREMONT COUNTY among the Shorebirds were  
WHITE RUMPED SANDPIPERS, RUDDY TURNSTONES, DUNLINS,  
Hudsonian Godwits, STILT SANDPIPERS AND  
DOWITCHERS. THERE WERE PRAIRIE DOVES AT  
THE I-90 SOUTH POOL AND 4 GREAT TAILED  
GRACKLES ALONG HIGHWAY 92-275 JUST WEST OF  
I-29 IN CONNOR BUCKLES

AND MORNING  
IN JOHNSON COUNTY CONNECTICUT WARBLERS WERE  
REPORTED FROM NEAR JOHN CITY AND A  
MORNING WAS AT HICKORY HILL PARK. AT  
PLEASANT CREEK STATE PARK IN LITCH COUNTY, A  
RUDDY TURNSTONE WAS AT THE BEACH.

ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup>, AT THE RUNNERS WILDLIFE AREA  
THERE WERE SEVERAL THOUSAND SHOREBIRDS, INCLUDING  
DOWITCHERS, HUDSONIAN GODWIT, AND WHITE  
RUMPED SANDPIPER, AND A BLACK BILLED  
CUCKOO WAS SEEN AT FAIRFIELD.

ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> 2 CONNECTICUT WARBLERS WERE  
AT MOORHEAD PARK IN IDA COUNTY

ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup>

AT NICKORY HILL PARK IN JAMA CITY TODAY, A <sup>NON-SINGING</sup> FEMALE  
CONNECTICUT <sup>WARBLER</sup> REPLACED THE SINGING MALE OF THE PAST 2  
DAYS AND THERE WAS <sup>ALSO</sup> AN ALDER FLYCATCHER, WHITE EYED  
VIREO AND YELLOW BREASTED CHAT.

AT LACEY KEOSAUQUA, A HEUSLOW'S SPARROW, SUMMER  
TANAGER, KENTUCKY, <sup>PARTRIDGE</sup> MOURNING, AND GOLDEN WINGED  
WARBLERS, AND BLACK BILLED CUCKOO SEEN IN THE LAST  
2 DAYS

AT THE MATSELL BRIDGE AREA IN LINN COUNTY, A  
CONNECTICUT WARBLER WAS SINGING ON TOP OF THE  
HILL NEAR THE PARKING LOT



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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 and Update 5/19/92  
In news from the 19th, at Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City, the CONNECTICUT WARBLER was seen again in the same location in the south canyon as the day before. MOURNING WARBLERS were also present, and ALDER FLYCATCHERS were just north of the dam. The PRARIE WARBLER was still singing on top of the hill at the Croton Unit of Shimek State Forest, and a WORM-EATING WARBLER was singing near the rock outcrop there.

And also in the southeast, YELLOW CROWNED NIGHT HERONS

have been at the end of Sullivan's Slough Road south of Burlington. For more information, call Chuck Fuller at (319)753-0710.

In the southwest in Taylor County, the BARN OWLS are nesting for the fourth straight year at the Delbert Freemyer farm, which is six miles east, and a mile south of Bedford. For more information, you can call Delbert at (712)523-2680.

In the central at the Runnells Wildlife Area, shorebirds included HUDSONIAN GODWITS, RUDDY TURNSTONES, DUNLINS, STILT SANDPIPERS, and BLACK-BELLIED PLOVERS, while a CAPE MAY WARBLER was just below the overlook.

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And the week's report.....Some of the week's highlight birds did not remain long, and included SNOWY PLOVER, WHIMBREL, BLACK-NECKED STILT, and RED KNOT at the Riverton Area in Fremont County, and SWALLOW-TAILED KITE in Blackhawk County. Other good sightings were TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE in the central, GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES at several locations, BEWICK'S WREN, HENSLOW'S SPARROW, and PRARIE WARBLER in the southeast, MUTE SWAN in the northwest, and MISSISSIPPI KITE in the northeast.

In the central, Paul Hertzell found a TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE at the Polk City Wildlife Area at the Saylorville Reservoir on the 17th. The bird was in the old Polk City cemetery across from the marina, and was in cedar trees and perched on tombstones. A NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was also there on the 17th. Elsewhere in Polk County, at the Runnells Area, there were still quite a few shorebirds on the 17th, and included HUDSONIAN GODWITS, DOWITCHERS and Willet. In Guthrie County at Lakin Slough, 2 pair of GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES were at the north end and LECONTE'S SPARROWS were at the south end on the 14th. GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES were also in Greene County at Finn's Pond west of Jefferson. In Warren County on private property there are YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT and WHITE-EYED VIREO. If interested in these birds, call Jim Sinclair at (515)961-4616.

In the southwest, in addition to all the shorebirds at Riverton, there were BLACK-BELLIED and PIPING PLOVERS, HUDSONIAN GODWITS, and AVOCETS at various times late last week at the IPL south pond south of Council Bluffs. There



were ROSS' GOOSE and EARED GREBE on the Hamburg borrow pit of I-29 on the 14th. Four GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES were seen at a small marsh in Council Bluffs along hiways 92-275 less than a mile west of I-29, and three more were at the DeSoto NWR, all on the 13th. Although WESTERN KINGBIRDS and BLUE GROSBEAKS are rather widespread in western counties, they are particularly easy to find in the Bartlett area, especially at the east and south edges of the town. And the last news we had of the BROWN PELICAN was a sighting at Lake Manawa in Council Bluffs on the 12th.

In the northeast, a first state record for SWALLOW-TAILED KITE was observed at the Hartman Reserve along the Cedar River in Cedar Falls on the 14th and 15h. It has not been relocated, but a MISSISSIPPI KITE was seen there on the 16th.

In the northwest in Clay County, a MUTE SWAN was on the Ocheydan River three miles west of Spencer, and sixteen shorebird species were also in that area, and included HUDSONIOAN GODWIT and WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER on the 14th.

In the southeast in Van Buren County, the pair of BEWICK'S WRENS and the pair of SUMMER TANAGERS were still being seen at the campground area at Lacey-Keosauqua State Park on the 17th, and the singing HENSLOW'S SPARROWS were still being seen near the park. To look for the sparrows, near the campground go out the newly blacktopped south entrance road, and make two right turns, and proceed until you see a small parking lot on the right. The gate and field are across the road from this parking lot. At the Croton Unit of Shimek State Forest in Lee County, the PRARIE WARBLER was still singing at the east edge of the large open area on top of the hill, and a HOODED WARBLER was near the parking lot on the 15th. Other birds seen there on the 15th included KENTUCKY and CERULEAN WARBLERS, YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT, WHITE-EYED and BELL'S VIREOS, LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH, and ACADIAN FLYCATCHER. In Johnson County, Ed Folk reports a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD at his acreage just north of hiway 6 in the Oxford area.

At the IOU spring meeting held south of Cedar Rapids, 168 species were seen on the weekend field trips. The highlights included SWAINSON'S HAWK, PEREGRINE FALCON, YELLOW BELLIED and ALDER FLYCATCHERS, CAPE MAY, CERULEAN, PROTHONOTARY, KENTUCKY, MOURNING, YELLOW-THROATED, CONNECTICUT, and BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLERS, and at Cone Marsh, CATTLE EGRET, COMMON MOORHEM, YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT and WHITE-EYED VIREO.

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