

~~AT LEAST ONE JUVENILE LAUGHING GULL WAS AT RED ROCK TODAY, AS ONE OBSERVER SAW ONE BELOW THE DAM AND ANOTHER SAW ONE AT THE SWIM BEACH AT THE NORTH END ABOVE THE DAM.~~

THE JUVENILE LAUGHING GULL AT RED ROCK RESERVOIR IN MARION COUNTY HAS BEEN REPORTED EVERY DAY THIS WEEK INCLUDING TODAY. ALL SIGHTINGS HAVE BEEN BELOW THE DAM. LOOK FOR A BIRD THAT IS SMALLER AND DARKER THAN ANY KING BILLED.

→ IN DES MOINES COUNTY, CHUCK FULLER SAW 2 SNOWY EGRETS AND A LITTLE BLUE HERON ON THE 24TH MORNING AT THE CASEY BARROWS PUBLIC LANDING ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER 10 MILES NORTH OF BURLINGTON.

IN TAMA COUNTY, THE FAMILY OF 4 SANDHILL CRANES WAS SEEN TODAY AT OTTER CREEK MARSH AT THE USUAL LOCATION WHERE R STREET INTERSECTS COUNTY ROAD E-66 ABOUT 1.1 MILES SOUTHWEST OF HWY 30.

AT GREEN ISLANDS TODAY, NO KING RAUS WERE FOUND, BUT 3 LEAST BITTERNS, 2 COMMON MOORHEN FAMILIES, BALD EAGLE AND WILLOW FLEETCHER WERE SEEN.

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 7/20/92
Highlights this week are juvenile LAUGHING GULLS in the southwest and south-central, LITTLE BLUE HERON in the southeast, and continued sightings of KING RAILS in the northeast.

In the southwest, Tim Schantz found a juvenile LAUGHING GULL at the north IPL pond in Pottawattamie County south of Council Bluffs, and in Fremont County a YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON was seen north of Forney Lake, both on the 18th.

In the south-central at Red Rock Reservoir in Marion County on the 20th, there were two juvenile LAUGHING GULLS, one at the spillway below the Red Rock Dam, and the other just above the dam at the swim beach at the north end, and a WILLET at the Marina.

In the northeast, the family of four KING RAILS was seen again by several parties at Green Island Wildlife Area in Jackson County over the weekend. To look for these birds, go east from the village of Green Island to Fish Lake Road where you go north to a bridge which is almost the end of the road. The birds have been about 100 yards west of there on the north side of the dike. Three LEAST BITTERNS were also located there on the 19th. One was in the same location that it has been seen several times previously. To look for this bird, continue east on the main road to a parking area, and then 0.1 miles farther east to where a road tees in from the south. Look in the marsh in the southeast corner of this intersection. The BALD EAGLES that have nested there the past few years were also seen along with an immature bird.

In the southeast, Tom Kent reported a LITTLE BLUE HERON plus 40 WHITE PELICANS at Mark Twain Wildlife Refuge in Louisa County on the 18th. At Cone Marsh, also in Louisa County, there were YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT, WILLOW FLYCATCHER, and BELL'S VIREO in the field at the east end of the main dike on the 18th. In Johnson County, Mark Snyder reports a small white heron, most likely a CATTLE EGRET in a backyard near the microwave tower east of Morse along county road W6E. And Diane Porter says the albino HORNED LARK that has been in the Fairfield area for two summers now, is still present. If interested in seeing this bird, you can call the Hamiltons, whose place it is located on, at (515)472-8422.

In the north-central, at Silver Lake in Worth County, the WESTERN GREBE family numbers four, with two adults and two juveniles, and at least three COMMON MOORHEN nests were along the south shore of the lake.

In the central, the number of WESTERN KINGBIRDS on the state capitol grounds in Des Moines peaked at eleven last week. They were seen in trees south of the east entrance to the capitol.

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