The NEWS ABOUT THE KING RAIL AND THE CREEN ISLAND, IT WAS NOT SEEN ON THE EVENING OF THE 6TH, BUT WAS FOUND ON THE EVENING OF THE THE THE MAD THE MARN, OF THE STI EXACTLY UNERE THE DIRECTIONS SAY IT IS. IN MARION COUNTY OF THE 9TH, SOLUTING AND LEAST SENDA, PERS DUS KENTUGES WARBLER. WERE AT THE NORTH END OF ROBERT'S CREER LAKE, YELLOUTHRONTED RUD CERELENS WARBLERS, NORTHERS PARULA, WERE WEAR THE IRON BRIDGE TUST DOLLA-STREAM FROM THE RED ROCK DAM AND BUCK OND BANDSS WERE JUST SOUTH OF THE BREASTED SANDPIPERS WERE JUST SOUTH OF THE SOUTH ELK ROCK STATE PARK BOOT ROMS

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In an update from Jackson County, the adult KING RAIL discovered by the Armstrongs at Green Island Wildlife Area on the 5th was relocated in the same spot this morning. To look for this bird, go east from Green Island to Fish Lake Road and then proceed 0.7 miles north until you see a metal culvert and crossover in the west ditch. The bird was seen fifty yards north of there, and was followed for about 150 yards as it walked along the far side of the west ditch. Good advice would be to look early in the morning or late in the evening, and stay in your car. There were many other interesting birds there, including a LEAST BITTERN. To look for the bittern, continue east on the main road to a large parking lot, and then 0.1 miles east of there a road tees in from the south. The bird was in the marsh at the southeast corner of that intersection.

And for the week's report...Despite the fact that this time of year is known as the summer doldrums of birding, a number of good brids have been reported this week, including a KING RAIL at the Green Island Wildlife Area. Elsewhere in the northeast in Allamakee County, four adult and 5 young COMMON MOORHENS were spotted at Fish Farm Mounds Pond on the east side of hiway #26 south of New Albin on the 5th.

In the southeast in Lee County at the Croton Unit of Shimek State Forest on the 5th, ten warbler species were seen, including PRARIE, HOODED, WORM-EATING, KENTUCKY, CERULEAN, BLUE-WINGED, NORTHERN PARULA, and LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH. Other birds there were ACADIAN FLYCATCHER, WHITE-EYED VIREO, and CAROLINA WREN. This area is reached fronm the village of Argyle by going west to a Y and taking the right fork. Proceed until you get to the bottom of a long hill where there is a small parking area on the right, just before a small bridge. Most of the birds were seen in the woods in the area of the parking lot. On the 3rd, Tim Schantz had three singing PRARIE WARBLERS there; two were found by going into the woods and crossing the creek, and the birds were in the small open area soon encountered, while the other bird has been present for two months in the largest open area on top of the hill. The WORM-EATING WARBLER was found by not crossing the creek, rather going up a dry creek ravine to the right. For more information, call Chris Edwards at (319)626-6362. Elsewhere in the southeast in Des Moines County, six AMERICAN AVOCETS and a one-legged MARBLED GODWIT were at the Casey-Barrow Pulblic Landing on the Mississippi River ten miles north of Burlington on the 3rd. However, on the 5th, those birds were not seen, but there were six CASPIAN TERNS. Although we don't regularly report it any longer, the EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS are still easily seen north of Burlington. On the 5th, five were in the yard of a residence 3.2 miles along Tama Road from where it leaves hiway #99. In Johnson County, NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRDS were still being seen along 250th Street about 1/2 to 3/4 mile west of where county road F-28 turns south toward hiway #6.

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In the cnetral, SANDHILL CRANES are still being seen at Otter Creek Marsh in Tama County. The best viewing is south of where R Street and county road E-66 intersect, which is about 1.1 miles southeast of hiway #30. A scope is usually necessary. Also at Otter Creek, three YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS were seen the previous week along the south side of the marsh in an old Iowa River oxbow.

In the south-central on the 4th, David Arbour found a family of RUFFED GROUSE in the Whitebreast Unit of Stephens State Forest, This species is present in small numbers at local areas of both Stephens and Shimek State Forests, away from their traditional range in the extreme northeast. BLUE-WINGED and KENTUCKY WARBLERS were seen at the Lucas Unit of Stephens, as well. Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

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