Welcome to the Birdline of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union for Tuesday, June 23rd at _____AM/PM

While there are many good birds out there, reports this week are mostly resigntings of birds whose whereabouts are already known.

In Iowa County, UPLAND SANDPIPERS can still be found in an almost square mile grassy area south of hiway 6 about three miles west of Homestead.

At Otter Creek Marsh in Tama County there are ten SANDHILL CRANES, including two family groups with four and three individuals, and three subadult nonbreeding birds. At least some of the birds are often seen in fields along the north side of the marsh, which is just south of county road E-66.

In the northeast in Jackson County, a LEAST BITTERN was seen at Green Island Wildlife Area on the 14th. At White Pine Hollow in Dubuque County, a WORM-EATING WARBLER, a CERULEAN WARBLER, and VEERYS were found soon after entering the preserve from the south entrance.

Three separate groups found almost all the known regulars in the southeast this weekend. One trip reported 89 species in their twoday trip.

In Lee County, the PRAIRIE WARBLER was still being seen at the east edge of the largest open area on top of the hill at the Croton Unit of Shimek State Forest on the 21st, and two BEWICK'S WRENS were still present at the junkyard about two and a half miles west of Argyle. Other sightings at the Croton Unit over the weekend of the 20th included: WHITE-EYED VIREO, BLACK & WHITE, BLUE-WINGED, CERULEAN, WORM-EATING, HOODED, PRAIRIE, and KENTUCKY WARBLERS along with LOUISIANA WATER THRUSH, SCARLET and SUMMER TANAGER, YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT and ACADIAN FLYCATCHER. 18 WHIP-POOR-WILLS were counted singing near Shimek on the 20th. West of the Turkey Run access near the Ray Palmer, Jr. mailbox were two pairs of BLUE GROSBEAKS and a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD.

In Van Buren County, BEWICK'S WRENS were also in the campground at Lacey-Keosauqua State Park, along with SUMMER TANAGERS. At The Ely Ford area were YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER, NORTHERN PARULA and LOUISIANA WATER THRUSH. At least four HENSLOW'S SPARROWS were just southwest of the park. To look for them, exit the park on the newly blacktopped south entrance road, and go right at two intersections. Then park in a small lot on the right side of the road and the sparrow field is across the road.

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