

IN POLK COUNTY IN THE Saylorville Reservoir Area
PAUL NEITZEL REPORTS FINDING A TOWNSEND'S
SOLITARY IN THE OLD POLK CITY CEMETERY ACROSS
FROM THE MARINA ABOUT NOON TODAY. THE BIRD
WAS IN CEDAR TREES OR ~~ON~~^{IN} THE GROUND OR
PERCHED ON TOMB STONES

IN BLACKHAWK COUNTY FIRST STATE RECORD
AT WATERLOO, THE SWALLOW TAILED KITE WHICH
WAS SEEN AT HARTMAN RESERVE IN CEDAR FALLS
ON THE 14TH AND 15TH HAS NOT BEEN RELOCATED
SINCE, BUT A MISSISSIPPI KITE WAS OBSERVED
THERE ON THE 16TH.

IN THE SOUTHWEST AT THE RIVERTON AREA
IN FREMONT COUNTY, WE HAVE HAD NO FURTHER
NEWS OF THE GOOD SHOREBIRDS THERE, SNOWY
PLOVER, WILMIREL, BLACK NECKED STILT, RAN
KNOTS. BUT THERE IS GOOD SHOREBIRD HABITAT
THERE AND ANYTHING COULD SHOW UP.

IN THE SOUTHEAST, THE PRAIRIE WARRIOR WAS
STILL SINGING ON TOP OF THE PILL AT THE
CORTON UNIT OF SUMNER STATE FOREST ON THE
15TH.

WE HAVE A SHORT UPDATE ~~ON THE~~ A NEW
WEEK'S REPORT WILL BE ON LINE SOMETIME
AFTER 10:30 AM AND WILL INCLUDE HIGHLIGHTS
OF THE IOWA SPRING MEETING THIS WEEKEND

ON THE 14TH
~~IN NEWS TODAY~~

TODAY, AT LAKIN SLough IN CUTWATER, GREAT
TAILED GRACKLES WERE STILL AT THE NORTH END AND
LECONTE'S SPARROWS WERE FOUND AT THE SOUTH END.
AT CLEWPALE COMPLETELY IN DES MOINES, THERE WERE
A NUMBER OF CAPE MAY WARBLERS.

TODAY, A FIRST STATE RECORD SWALLOW
TAILED KITE WAS SEEN AT THE HARTMAN
RESERVE BETWEEN WATERLOO AND CEDAR
FALLS. IT WAS ALONG THE CEDAR RIVER
NEAR OVERLOOK PARK. WE WILL TRY TO
GET BETTER DIRECTIONS IF IT IS SEEN ~~TODAY~~
ON SATURDAY

[30] From: JFULLER at dentistry-po 5/14/92 9:35AM (2955 bytes: 51 ln)
To: BIRDCNTR@ARIZVM1.BITNET at INTERNET, JFULLER
Subject: UPDATE IOWA BIRDLINE:5/13/92

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Update of Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 5/13/92

ON THE 13TH
In the southwest at the Riverton Area in Fremont County, all of the good birds of the past three days, SNOWY PLOVER, WHIMBREL, and BLACK-NECKED STILT have departed. However, today here were two RED KNOTS and a BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER, plus a PEREGRINE FALCON that regularly churned up the thousands of shorebirds. The BROWN PELICAN which had been at the DeSoto NWR has not been seen there for several days, but was reported from Lake Manawa in Council Bluffs on the 12th, but was not located there on the 13th. Nearby in Council Bluffs, four GREAT TAILED GRACKLES were in a marshy area along hiways 92-275 less than a mile west of I-29. A ROSS' GOOSE and EARED GREBE were on the Hamburg borrow pit of I-29, and at the IPL south pond BLACK-BELLIED and PIPING PLOVERS and HUDSONIAN GODWITS.

In the northwest in Clay County, a MUTE SWAN has been on the Ocheydan River three miles west of Spencer, and 16 shorebird species were there, including WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER and HUDSONIAN GODWIT.

At Lacey-Keosauqua State Park in Van Buren County, the BEWICK'S WRENS and SUMMER TANAGERS were still in the campground, and KENTUCKY and CERULEAN WARBLERS were also seen in the park.

~~On the 12th, GREAT TAILED GRACKLES were still present at the north end of Lakin Slough in Guthrie County.~~

In news from the 11th, a WORM EATING WARBLER was at the Amana Woods in Iowa County, and at Otter Creek Marsh in Tama County, a flock of HUDSONIAN GODWITS, a MERLIN, and a KING RAIL, which was taped out from the east end of the north dike in the first water area on the south side.

Dennis Carter reports two WESTERN GREBES and four EARED GREBES in courtship display on the west side of Silver Lake in Worth County. This location is near the Minnesota border about five miles northwest of exit 214 of I-35. There was also an OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER along the south side road.

The OLDSQUAW was still at Little Wall Lake in Hamilton County.

At Ledges State Park in Boone County, 19 warbler species, including MOURNING and YELLOW-THROATED, plus two OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHERS were observed.

At Cone Marsh in Louisa County, along the east side there were four CATTLE EGRETS and among the shorebirds DUNLIN and WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER.

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 5/11/92
Top birds this week are SNOWY PLOVER and BROWN PELICAN in the southwest, BEWICK'S WRENS, HENSLOW'S SPARROWS, and PRARIE WARBLER in the southeast, OLDSQUAW and GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES in the central, and OLDSQUAW in the northeast.

In the southwest, a SNOWY PLOVER was discovered on the main pool at the Riverton Area in Fremont County on the 10th. There are about 10,000 shorebirds there. For more information, call Ross Silcock at (712)629-5865 which is home or (712)374-2645 at work. The BROWN PELICAN, present at DeSoto NWR in Harrison County since April 29th, was still being seen on the 9th. Most sightings have been in the far southeast corner of the oxbow lake, but it has also been seen at the visitor's center. The phone number for DeSoto is (712)642-2141. On the 7th, there were seven BLACK-BELLIED PLOVERS and two PIPING PLOVERS at the south IPL pond south of Council Bluffs.

In the southeast at Lacey-Keosauqua State Park in Van Buren County, a pair of BEWICK'S WRENS has been prominent in the campground area for over a week now, and on the 9th, a pair of SUMMER TANAGERS was eating scraps around the picnic table by the campground restroom and shower building. Some of the other birds seen at Lacey on the 9th were KENTUCKY, CERULEAN, YELLOW-THROATED, and GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLERS. WHITE-EYED VIREO, and ACADIAN and OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHERS. In a field just south of the park, a at least two HENSLOW'S SPARROWS were singing along with SEDGE WRENS. To reach this field, near the campground take the newly blacktopped south entrance road and make two right turns, proceeding until you see a small parking lot on the right, with a sign saying "No camping this area". The field and gate are across the road from the parking lot. In Lee County, at the Croton unit of Shimek State Forest, a singing PRARIE WARBLER found on the 7th was still present on the 9th, and the junkyard BEWICK'S WREN was still around on the 9th. From the stop sign in the village of Argyle, go west two miles to a Y, where you take the right fork. The junkyard is on both sides of the road in 0.3-4 miles. Continue on the road and before you go down a hill look for SUMMER TANAGER in the woods on the right, and YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT and WHITE-EYED VIREO. Go down a long hill and there is a small parking lot on the right just before a small bridge. To look for the PRARIE WARBLER, go into the woods a hundred yards, and follow the trail left across the creek and into an open area. Follow the trail left and go through the woods where a HOODED WARBLER was seen on the 9th. You should come out at a large open area on the top of the hill, where you again go left along the near edge to an even larger open area, where the PRARIE WARBLER was singing. There are also KENTUCKY and CERULEAN WARBLERS and YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT plus ACADIAN FLYCATCHER. Back at your car continue a short distance until you see a small rock outcrop on the left. This is the area to listen for WORM-EATING WARBLER. A mile beyond the parking lot a BLUE

GROSBEAK was singing on the 3rd, and another was along the river road three miles northwest of Croton and near the mailbox of Ray Palmer, Jr. Elsewhere in the southeast, at Cone Marsh in Louisa County, BELL'S and WHITE-EYED VIREOS, YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT, and HOODED WARBLER were in the area at the east end of the main dike, and LEAST BITTERN and VIRGINIA RAIL were along the main dike on the 6th. And the male PEREGRINE FALCON that spent the winter at Davenport, finally attracted a mate, and they are apparently nesting under the hiway #67-Centennial Bridge over the Mississippi.

In the central in Guthrie County, two pairs of GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES were at the north end of Lakin Slough, and a MARBLED GODWIT was at McCord's Pond two miles southwest of Bayard, both on the 9th. An OLDSQUAW and a COMMON LOON were at Little Wall Lake in Hamilton County on the 9th, and a PINE WARBLER was at Ledges State Park on the 9th. In Greene County, two GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES were at Finn's Pond, just west of Jefferson on the 9th.

In the northeast in Linn County, a female OLDSQUAW was with a small flock of LESSER SCAUP and 25 BONAPARTE'S GULLS were at the beach at Pleasant Creek State Park on the 8th. In Howard County, one LITTLE BLUE HERON was still on the main lake at Cardinal Marsh at least through the 5th.

In the north-central in Cerro Gordo County last week, LESSER GOLDEN and BLACK-BELLIED PLOVERS were in fields, and north of Rock Falls, CLAY-COLORED and HENSLOW'S SPARROWS, a SWAINSON'S HAWK, and a flyover PEREGRINE FALCON. A WHIPPOORWILL, unusual for that area, was heard.

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