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In Jasper County on the 20th south of Oswalt Bridge Wildlife Area, which is W of 117 and N of RT. 80, there were 17 shorebird species including 50 White-rumped Sandpipers, 1 American Avocet, 2 Ruddy Turnstones, 20 Dunlins, and one Sanderling.

# In the Southwest:

#### In the Northeast

On the 22nd at Effigy Mounds in Alamakee County, two Sandhill Cranes flew over. The Sandhill Cranes at Cardinal Marsh in Winneshiek county were last seen May 9.

#### In the East central

A report from Davenport for the 17th was that of a Peregrine Falcon at the Stanley Building.

On the 19th at Otter Creek Marsh, W of Belle Plaine, Great-Tailed Grackles. The two Black-necked Stilts first sighted on the 20th at the Amana Lily Pond were seen again on the morning of the 21st along with 12 Black-bellied Plovers. On the 20th at that sight were also one Marbled Godwit, 28 Black-bellied Plovers, two Ruddy Turnstones, 5 Sanderlings, 20 White Pelicans, a Bald Eagle and Black and Forsters Terns. At the Sand Creek area in Johnson County on the 20th: 2 Connecticut Warblers, and at the Hanging Rock Woods a Mourning Warbler. On the 21st a Connecticut Warbler in the south canyon at Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City.

# In the Southeast

Short-earred Owls were again seen this weekend 5.4 miles West of Keosauqua on J-40; Two Summer Tanagers were found West of Lacey-Keosauqua ST. Pk. Turn Right on the gravel road off of the road leading to the new lake west of the park and go 1 mile past the Robinson Farm; they were seen in the woods at that point.

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## In the Northwest:

In NW Iowa: Many expected species of waterfowl are nesting in watery areas including Redheads, Ruddy Ducks, Gadwalls, and Widgeon. Migrating Black Terns were sighted between the 20th and 22nd. On the 21st: 4 American Bitterns at Spring Run WLA East of Spirit Lake and 9 Earred Grebes and several Black-crowned Night Herons at Grover's Lake NW of Spirit Lake. Flocks of Black-bellied Plovers were near Carroll on the 21st. Two American Bitterns and a Least Bittern were at Dewey's Pasture WLA in Clay county on the 22nd. Also on the 22nd 4 Great-tailed Grackles at Goose Lake in Greene county N of Jefferson.

At Grammar Grove ST. Pk on the 21st in Marshall Co.: a Connecticut Warbler, and on the 18th: Alder Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, and Philadelphia Vireo. On the 19th at Ledges St. Pk in Boone Co.: 20 Warbler species including Connecticut & Louisiana Waterthrush.

A pair of nesting Great-tailed Grackles are are 5 miles S of Cherokee; turn off US 59 to the west on C44 for one mile to Red-tail ridge County conservation area parking lot and look in the dense cat-tail marsh.

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Welcome to the Birdline of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union for Monday, May 31st at 98:30 PM.

The bird line was out of order for a short time due to a lightning strike. If you left a message between the 26th and the 29th please leave it again. The message access code for the new machine is 698.

The Brown Pelican first reported on the 30th at Rathbun Lake was seen again on the 31st at 10:30 AM and 6:30 Pm; the latter being just above the middle of the dam.

In East Central Iowa: A report from the 30th at the Amana Lily Pond was that of one Sandhill Crane. An update on the Amana Lily Pond from the 26th included 1100 Black Terns, 15 Forster's Terns, one Caspian Tern, 50 Semipalmated Sandpipers, 5 White-rumped Sandpipers, 3 Sanderlings, one Dunlin, and 40 White Pelicans and a Cerulean Warbler was found at the Macbride field campus in Johnson county.

On the 26th two Red-necked Phalaropes and Semipalmated Sandpipers joined the shorebirds at the mud flats at the south end of Cardinal Marsh in Winneshiek county. There on the 25th: were 14 Ruddy Turnstones, 30 Dunlin, 6 Semipalmated Plover, 1 Franklin's Gull, and a Mouring Warbler.

Also on the 25th on Wagner Rd. N of Waterloo: 3 Sanderlings, 2 White-rumped Sandpipers, a flock of Black Terns, 1 Hudsonian Godwit, 3 Black-bellied Plovers, and 1 Wimbrel, which was still present at 1:00 pm. To reach this site go N on 63 to Airline Road, turn W 2 miles to Wagner, then go N 2 miles to the ponds. Most of the birds were to the west.

In news from the 31st in **Southwest Iowa**: A Snowy Egret as seen one mile north of the intersection of L-31 and Hiway 2. East of the Glenwood Exit of I-29 were 20 Cattle Egrets. At the IPL ponds: one Piping Plover at the south pond, and 3 Blue Grosbeaks at the last turn on the road to the north pond.

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In news from the 5th: two male Hooded Warblers were at the Fire Station of Yellow River State Forrest in Allamakee County; two adult and two chick Upland Sandpipers near the fence on the east side at the upper end of SS Avenue between Homestead and South Amana; two Earred Grebes 2 miles NW of Gillmore City, and Great-tailed Grackles at the east end of Goose Lake.

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