

~~ON THE 27TH~~

(2) IN THE NORTHWEST, IN NO. SOUTH COUNTY, A CATTLE EGRET WAS ON THE OATON FARM ALONG OATON ROAD WHICH IS ADJACENT TO CALL STATE PARK AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF ALGONA.

(1) IN THE SOUTHWEST, IN VAN BUREN COUNTY, A PAIR OF SHARP EARED OWLS WAS OBSERVED IN COURTLAND FLIGHT THE EVENING OF THE 29TH - 30TH FROM ^{HILARY, IN} KEOSAUQUA, GO WEST ON COUNTY ROAD J-40 FOR 5^{3/4} MILES AND THEN TURN SOUTH ON GARFIELD AND LOOK ~~FORWARD~~ ^{AT} WEST AS YOU DRIVE THIS ROAD ~~AND WATCH THE BIRDS~~ ^{PAST WEST TO THE} EVENING IS BEST. IN JOHNSON COUNTY

IN IOWA COUNTY, 11 SPARROW SPECIES, INCLUDING CRY-COLORED WERE AT MOORHEAD PARK.

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY CATTLE EGRETS THIS SPRING. SOME YEARS THERE ARE NONE. ~~ON THE 30TH~~ ^{IN JOHNSON COUNTY} IN THE SOUTHWEST, 2 WERE, STILL, JUST WEST OF SWAN LAKE IN A NET SPOT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ROAD, 12 WERE IN IOWA COUNTY AT THE SOUTH EDGE OF MAIN AMONA ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE ROAD AND ^{ON FLOODED MUDER POND} 11 WERE ON A BASEBALL FIELD, IN MUSCATINE. IN JOHNSON COUNTY, ALONG CEMETERY ROAD, EAST OF THE CEMETERY, POWITCHER, WILSON'S PHALANX, FORSTER'S TERNS AND 1 EARLY BLACK TERN AT SWAN LAKE A HORNED GREBE

Just west of Swan Lake in a field on the south side of the road were 2 cattle egrets and an adult little blue heron. Along cemetery road just east of the cemetery there were 7 long billed dowitchers, a Wilson's phalarope and a heron. White rumped sandpiper. Unfortunately, the rock wren in Warren County did not appear at all on the 26th.

In Louisa County, at Cove Marsh, a pine warbler was seen in the woods by the northwest access, and in a field at the southwest corner there were 2 Leconte's sparrows and an ^{adult} little blue heron.

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In Story County, 60 lesser golden plover, a marbled godwit, and 2 Wilson's phalaropes were at the ^{main} Cold Pond which is 2 1/2 miles east of Cold along county road E-41

(5) ON THE 28th IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY, 3 SANDHILL CRANES, 10 WHITE PELLENS AND A BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON WERE AT CARDINAL MARSH AND IN JOHNSON COUNTY A CATTLE EGRET AND HORNED GREBE WERE AT SWAN LAKE AND A MARBLED GODWIT WAS WITH PELICANS ALONG CEMETERY ROAD NORTHWEST OF WILKINSON PLAZA

(2) IN NEWS FROM THE 29th, ~~we have seen~~ THINGS MUST BE POPPING AS WE HAVE BEEN SWAMPED WITH REPORTS OF ^{SOME OF THE MORE} COMMON, ^{NEWLY ARRIVING} MIGRANT WARBLERS, VIREOS, TRUNDSNES AND SPARROWS. ^{GOOSEBILLS} In Johnson County, a male hooded warbler was singing ~~near~~ AT HICKORY HILL PARK NEAR THE TRIANGLE ON TOP OF THE HILL SOUTH OF THE SOUTH CANYON. In Story County, 5 HERONS AND GODWITS, 2 WILSON'S PHALAROPE AND 3 SHORT BILLED DOWITCHERS WERE AT THE COLD POND ON THE 28th

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 4/26/93

This is the Iowa Birdline with news of ROCK WREN, BEWICK'S WREN, SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER, WHITE-FACED IBIS, GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE, SANDHILL CRANE, LITTLE BLUE HERON, and RED-NECKED GREBE. There were no further reports of the CINNAMON TEAL after its sighting in Marion County on the 20th.

The big news is from Warren County, where a ROCK WREN was present all day until dark at the home of David and Lisa Youngblut, 957 Fillmore, Lot 6. Directions are as follows: From hiways 65-69 south of Des Moines, go west ~~west~~ on county road G-24 for three and a quarter miles, then south on 98th Avenue for a half mile, then west on Fillmore for a quarter mile. Turn right where there are three mailboxes, and then turn left into lot 6, which is a white house with flowerbeds constructed of railroad ties. The wren has been in the flowerbeds. A NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was also in the yard on the 25th, and EASTERN SCREECH OWLS are in a nest box at the back of the house. You can call the Youngbluts at (515)961-0425, or call David at work at the Warren County Conservation Board at (515)961-6169.

In the central in Guthrie County, the eight WHITE-FACED IBIS were still at the north end of Bay's Branch, and a LARK SPARROW was along the west side of the lake on the 25th. HORNED GREBES and AMERICAN AVOCETS were there on the 21st. At the south end of Lakin Slough, up to seventeen GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES were seen on the 25th, many of which were in the farmlot to the west. MARBLED GODWIT and WHITE-FRONTED GEESE were there on the 21st. Another GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE was at nearby Long's Pond on the 25th, and a BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON was there on the 21st. In Story County at the Colo Ponds east of Colo on the 24th and 25th, there were LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER, BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS, HUDSONIAN GODWIT, WILSON'S PHALAROPE, and WILLET. At Larsen's Marsh, which is along 13th Street about four miles east of Ames, four VIRGINIA RAILS were seen on the 24th. In Hamilton County, HORNED and EARED GREBES and FRANKLIN'S GULLS were at Little Wall lake on the 24th. In Tama County, at Otter Creek Marsh, up to three SANDHILL CRANES were seen several times last week, most often in fields south of county road E-66, near where R Street intersects. A CATTLE EGRET was just south of E-66, near its junction with hiway 30 on the 25th, and three IBIS (Sp.) were seen flying over the north dike about midway along its length on the 25th. A VIRGINIA RAIL and AMERICAN BITTERN were spotted from the north dike on the 25th. In Marshall County, four BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS were at Grammer Grove Park on the 24th.

In the northwest in Dickinson County, a RED-NECKED GREBE was seen at the north end of Big Spirit Lake from Minnewaca Park on the 21st. In Kossuth County on the morning of the 25th, a SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCVATCHER was in the farmyard of Barb

Meyer, who lives about five miles south of Titonka, but it was not relocated later in the day. If it reappears, we will update with better directions.

In the northeast in ^{WINNEBAGO} Allamakee County, an immature LITTLE BLUE HERON and a CATTLE EGRET were at Cardinal Marsh on the 24th, and RED-NECKED GREBES were at that location on 19th-21st. In Linn County, three CATTLE EGRETS were along hiway 13 about a mile and a half north of Central City on the 25th.

In the southeast in Des Moines County. MUTE and TUNDRA SWANS, EARED GREBE, and BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS were at Blackhawk Bottoms Wildlife Area south of Burlington, and MARBLED GODWIT and CATTLE EGRET were along Tama Road north of Burlington on the 23rd. Although we have had no further news since the 17th of the two BEWICK'S WRENS at the junkyard in Lee County, we would assume that they are still present. To look for these birds, from the stop sign in the village of Argyle, go west two miles to a Y. Take the right fork and the junkyard is in 0.3-4 miles.

In the north-central in Cerro Gordo County, the two TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRES which were present in the Shell Rock River greenbelt all winter were searched for on the 25th but not found, and it is assumed they have departed for points west. A PEREGRINE FALCON was seen in that area, however.
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