

IN NEWS FROM THE 2ND AND 3RD IN JOHNSON COUNTY,
A PINE WARBLER WAS AT LAKE MACBRIDE STATE PARK IN
~~SOUTH~~ THE AREA OF 9 CEDAR TREES ALONG THE ^{IN THE CORNER}
ENTRANCE ROAD TO THE COTTAGE RESERVE AREA, AND THE
HOODED AND WORM EATING WARBLERS WERE SEEN AT
SKINNER STATE FOREST AND THE BEWICK'S WREN WAS AT
THE JUNKYARD ^{3 MILES} NORTHWEST OF ALGYLE. IN LINN
COUNTY, THE ROAD TO THE FISH CROW LOCATIONS
UNDER ^{FLOOD} WATERS NOW.

^{IN TAMA COUNTY}
IN THE CENTRAL, THERE WERE 3 GREAT TAILED
GRACKLES AT OTTER CREEK MARSH AND IN STORY COUNTY
LONG BILLS DOWNY WERE AT THE COLD POND,
AND THE PRAIRIE WARBLER IN CARROLL COUNTY
WAS NOT RELOCATED.

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IN THE NORTHWEST, THE PRAIRIE FALLOWS WAS ^{SEEN} ON THE
SIOUX CITY CLOCK TOWER AT LEAST THROUGH THE 24TH.

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IOWA BIRDLINE (319)338-9881 for 5/1/95

BIRDS MENTIONED:

FISH CROW

Hooded Warbler
Worm-eating Warbler
Bewick's Wren
Oldsquaw
Yellow Rail
Prairie Warbler
Sandhill Crane
White-faced Ibis
RUFF
Red-throated Loon
Cinnamon Teal
American Bittern
Marsh Wren
Sedge Wren
Yellow-throated Warbler
Northern Parula
Henslow's Sparrow
Black Tern
Sacret Tanager
Orchard Oriole
Lark Sparrow
White-eyed Vireo
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Pine Siskin
Cerulean Warbler
Pine Warbler
Merlin
Peregrine Falcon
Short-eared Owl
Northern Mockingbird
Short-billed Dowitcher
American Golden Plover
Virginia Rail
Sora
Great-tailed Grackle
Willet
Wilson's Phalarope
Horned Grebe
Eared Grebe
Cattle Egret
Dunlin

The week's best birds are FISH CROW, HOODED WARBLER, WORM-EATING WARBLER, BEWICK'S WREN, HENSLOW'S SPARROW, and OLDSQUAW in the southeast, YELLOW RAIL, PRAIRIE WARBLER, and SANDHILL CRANE in the central, and WHITE-FACED IBIS in the west. We have had no further news about the RUFF in Ringgold County since the 22nd, the RED-THROATED LOON at Little Wall Lake since the 24th, nor the CINNAMON TEAL in Polk County since the 23rd.

In the southeast in Louisa County, at least one FISH CROW was seen and heard

on the 26th, in the same area where Tom Kent discovered four birds on the 21st. Here are the directions: From hiway 61 about four miles north of Wapello, go east on county road G-56 to a tee with county road X-61. Go north a short distance to 120th Street, where you go east past the Port Louisa Cemetery and down a hill to where high water blocks the road. At this point there is a road that goes north and deadends at a levee. Walk that levee southeast, and the birds were in a flooded tree area in less than a half mile. This is a potential first state record. Also in that area on the 26th were 3 AMERICAN BITTERNS, and both MARSH and SEDGE WRENS. Elsewhere in Louisa County, an OLDSQUAW was at Cone Marsh on the north side where the south road crosses the marsh on the 29th. The IOU field trip to Lee and Van Buren Counties on the 29th produced 104 species, including eight warbler species, with HOODED and WORM-EATING at the Croton unit of Shimek State Forest and YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER and NORTHERN PARULA at Lacey-Keosauqua State Park, and two HENSLOW'S SPARROWS were just south of the park, while early BLACK TERNS were at nearby Lake Seguma. Other interesting birds sighted were SCARLET Tanager, ORCHARD ORIOLE, LARK SPARROW, WHITE-EYED VIREO, RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD, and PINE SISKIN. A CERULEAN WARBLER was seen at the Ely Ford area of Lacey-Keosauqua on the 28th. In Iowa County, a pair of BEWICK'S WRENS have a nest in a nail bag in an unfinished building on the Hochstetler farm. To reach their place, from hiway 1 at the Kalona Cheese Factory about 4 miles north of Kalona, go west on Johnson County road F-67 or 540th Street for 8 and three-quarters miles to a white house on the south side of the road. Please call the Hochstetlers before visiting at (319)646-2284 or 2369. In Johnson County, a PINE WARBLER was at the Oakland Cemetery in Iowa City on the 27th, and a MERLIN and PEREGRINE FALCON were spotted in the Lake MacBride area on the 27th. A SHORT-EARED OWL was seen along Cemetery Road north of Oxford on the 27th. In Muscatine County, a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was west of Nichols on a hillside along 180th Street about a half mile south of hiwy 22 on the 27th. In Clinton County, SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHERS and AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER were seen on the 29th.

In the central in Carroll County, Rob Thelen discovered a PRAIRIE WARBLER on the 30th. It was in a pasture which is along a mud road which is accessible at this time only by a 4-wheel drive vehicle. The location is reached by going north of Carroll on hiway 71 for 3 miles, and then west for 2 miles, and the bird was over a half mile farther west. For more information, call Rob Thelen at (712)792-1793. Rob also had a PINE WARBLER in his yard in Carroll on the 29th. In Tama County, a YELLOW RAIL, VIRGINIA RAILS, SORAS, and PEREGRINE FALCON were found at Otter Creek Marsh on the 29th. For more information on any of these birds, call Chuck Fuller at (319)753-0710. On the 27th in Polk County, a SANDHILL CRANE was observed at Arington Marsh, about two miles southeast of Elkhart.

In the west in Monona County on the 30th, there were still 9 WHITE-FACED IBIS at South Blue Lake, which is along hiway 175 west of I-29. There is a good collection of shorebirds there also. In Sac County, a GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE was at the Blakhawk Wildlife Area south of Lake View on the 30th, and at the dredge pond at the southeast corner of Blackhawk Lake, there were WILSON'S PHALAROPES and WILLETTS on the 29th.

In the northeast in Winneshiek County, there were 5 HORNED GREBES on a Decorah gravel pit on the 29th, and a WILLET was on a farm pond two miles west of Burr Oak on the 30th. In Linn County, two EARED GREBES were off the swim beach at Pleasant Creek Recreation Area north of Palo on the 27th.

In the southwest in Fremont County, a CATTLE EGRET, WILLET, and DUNLIN were at the Riverton Area on the 25th.

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