

IOWA RBA UPDATE 5/17/95

On the 17th, the MISSISSIPPI KITES were seen again in Des Moines at the Olivet Church around noon. In Johnson County, the CONNECTICUT WARBLER was seen for the second morning in a row at Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City at the very start of the north canyon trail. And at Lake MacBride State Park, a PRAIRIE WARBLER was found on the hillside south of their sailboat storage enclosure.

On the 16th in the southwest in Fremont County, two WHIMBRELS were in a flooded field along the frontage road on the west side of I-29, about two miles north of the Bartlett interchange.

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② On the 16th at Des Moines, two MISSISSIPPI KITES were perched in a cottonwood tree in the rear parking lot at Olivet Baptist Church and Preschool, which is at 73rd and Del Matro. This is on 73rd about halfway between University and Hickman.

③ In the southeast at Iowa City, a CONNECTICUT WARBLER was at Hickory Hill Park near the start of the north canyon trail. In Louisa County, a YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER was in sycamore trees along the nature trail at the Mark Twain Wildlife Area headquarters.

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④ 2 MISSISSIPPI KITES in Farmington, Iowa, 2  
MIDLANDS in a field near the route  
road to the west of I-29, about 2 miles  
north of Farmington, Iowa.

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On the 15th in the central, in Polk County, Jane Clark reported a MISSISSIPPI KITE flying over the eastern part of Clive, not far from where this bird has been seen in previous years. Also, two WESTERN KINGBIRDS were on the state capitol grounds in Des Moines, and 11 HUDSONIAN GODWITS and 20 SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHERS were on one of the Ankeny Ponds. In Story County, HUDSONIAN GODWIT, STILT SANDPIPER, and SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER were on the Colo Pond which is 2 miles east and 2 and a quarter miles north of Colo.

In the southeast in Johnson County, an AMERICAN BITTERN was along the Babcock Access at the Coralville Reservoir, and in Des Moines County, CAPE MAY, MOURNING, and GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLERS were at Starr's Cave Preserve in Burlington.

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 for 5/15/95

BIRDS MENTIONED:

Alder Flycatcher  
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher  
Laughing Gull  
Red-necked Phalarope  
White-faced Ibis  
Sandhill Crane  
Snowy Egret  
King Rail  
Black-headed Grosbeak  
Hooded Warbler  
Worm-eating Warbler  
Henslow's Sparrow  
Black-throated Blue Warbler  
Bewick's Wren  
Hudsonian Godwit  
American Avocet  
Common Moorhen  
Great-tailed Grackle  
Wilson's Phalarope  
Cattle Egret  
Western Kingbird  
American Bittern  
American Golden Plover  
Pine Warbler  
Cerulean Warbler  
Dunlin  
Stilt Sandpiper  
White-rumped Sandpiper  
Summer Tanager  
Yellow-throated Warbler  
Kentucky Warbler  
Eared Grebe  
Yellow-breasted Chat  
Cape May Warbler  
Common Tern  
Black-crowned Night Heron  
Peregrine Falcon

The warblers have finally arrived. We have had numerous reports from across the state of 15 species and up in a half day, with 23 in Iowa and Johnson Counties, and also in Scott County on the 13th the most. There were also early reports of ALDER and YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHERS. The week's highlights are LAUGHING GULL, RED-NECKED PHALAROPE, WHITE-FACED IBIS, and SANDHILL CRANE in the central, SNOWY EGRET and KING RAIL in the west, BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK, HOODED and WORM-EATING WARBLERS, and HENSLOW'S SPARROW in the southeast, and HOODED and BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLERS in the northeast. We have had no news this week about the nesting BEWICK'S WRENS in Iowa County, but assume they would still be there.

In the central in Polk County, an adult LAUGHING GULL was below the Saylorville Reservoir dam on two ponds, on a gravel bar in the river, and flying in the spillway, at least through the 11th. Six RED-NECKED PHALAROPES and a HUDSONIAN GODWIT were on a pothole on the Jasper-Story County line on the 14th. Go south from Collins three miles on hiway 65 to N 115th Avenue, W, and then go east 0.1 miles. In Warren County, a WHITE-FACED IBIS was in a wet spot, which can be reached by leaving hiway 28 just south of Norwalk, and going west on the first gravel road south of the North River bridge, and look immediately on the north side of the road. Elsewhere in Polk County, an AMERICAN AVOCET was at Ankeny Pond, which is a quarter mile southwest on Engledinger Marsh on the 13th. Elsewhere in Story County, 8 WILSON'S PHALAROPES were at the Colo Ponds on the 13th. In Hamilton County, 2 COMMON MOORHENS were at Anderson Lake east of Jewell on the 11th. In Tama County, a SANDHILL CRANE, and as many as 5 GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES were seen at Otter Creek Marsh last week.

In the west in Monona County, SNOWY EGRETS, CATTLE EGRETS, and WESTERN KINGBIRDS were at South Blue Lake on the 13th. In Sac County, a KING RAIL and AMERICAN BITTERN were at Tomahawk Marsh north of Lake View on the 13th. In Ida County, 22 AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER, and PINE and CERULEAN WARBLERS were at Moorhead Park on the 14th.

In the southeast in Johnson County, a BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK visited an Iowa City feeder once on the 10th, but never reappeared. At Hanging Rock Natural Area, a WORM-EATING WARBLER was seen on the 13th. In wet spots along the Babcock Access at the Coralville Reservoir, WILSON'S PHALROPE, DUNLIN, STILT and WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPERS were found on the 14th. In Van Buren County, a SUMMER TANAGER was seen several times last week in the tent campground area at Lacey-Keosauqua State Park, YELLOW-THROATED WARBLERS were at the Ely Ford area, and HENSLOW'S SPARROWS were in a field just south of the park. In Lee County at the Croton Unit of Shimek State Forest, there were HOODED, WORM-EATING, and KENTUCKY WARBLERS on the 10th. In Iowa County, an EARED GREBE was at the Amana Lily Lake along hiway 220 between Middle and Main Amana on the 11th, and 4 UPLAND SANDPIPERS were in a field which can be reached by going west on hiway 6 from Homestead for 3 miles, and then south on SS. In Louisa County, a YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT and CAPE MAY WARBLER were at Cone Marsh on the 12th, and on the 13th, 10 COMMON TERNS and a BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON were sighted there. In Scott County, a YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT was at Buena Vista Public Use Area on the 13th.

In the northeast, singing HOODED WARBLERS were seen in a ravine in the north part of Bever Park in Cedar Rapids on the 9th, and at Effigy Mounds National Monument in Allamakee County on the 13th. A male BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER was at Coon Creek in east-central Winneshiek County on the 11th. At Cedar Rapids, the first PEREGRINE FALCON chick has hatched.

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→ In the northwest in Kossuth County, 2 RED-NECKED GREBS were at Union Slough near on the 14th, and 1 was visible from county road B-14.

THE IOWA SPRING MEETING WILL BE THIS WEEKEND, MAY 19-21 AT IOWA GROUP. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL PETE ERZSEN AT (712) 364-280

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