

THE BEST BIRDS THIS WEEK ARE THE CONTINUING PRESENCE OF HOODED WARBLER AND HENSLOW'S SPARROW IN SE IOWA, <sup>AND SANDHILL CRANES IN NE IOWA</sup> ON JULY 24, AS MANY AS 12-15 HENSLOW'S SPARROWS WERE FOUND <sup>IN 2 LOCATIONS</sup> NEAR LACEY KEOSAUQUA S.P. TO FIND THESE BIRDS GO OUT THE SW ENTRANCE OF THE PARK ON A GRAVEL ROAD WHICH STARTS NEAR THE CAMPING AREA. TAKE 2 RIGHT TURNS AND THE ROAD STRAIGHTENS IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION. AS YOU START DOWN A HILL LOOK AND LISTEN FOR THE BIRDS IN A HAYFIELD ON THE RIGHT OR NORTH SIDE OF THE ROAD. THE OTHER BIRDS WERE FOUND BY CONTINUING DOWN THE HILL TO THE INTERSECTION AND WEST 1 MORE MILE THEN <sup>LEFT</sup> SOUTH 200 YARDS AND LOOK AND LISTEN IN THE FIELD TO THE LEFT OR EAST, ESPECIALLY AT THE BOTTOM OF THE VALLEY.

THE HOODED WARBLER HAS BEEN FOUND FOR OVER A MONTH <sup>IN IEE COUNTY</sup> AT THE CROTON UNIT OF SHERMAN S.F. FROM THE INTERSECTION IN ARYLE GO WEST 2 MILES, THEN RIGHT AT THE Y. IN APPROXIMATELY A MILE, STOP AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL JUST BEFORE YOU CROSS A SMALL BRIDGE. PARK AND ENTER THE WOODS ON A TRAIL TO THE RIGHT. THE <sup>MALE</sup> ~~BIRD~~ HAS BEEN SINGING NEAR THE START OF THIS TRAIL, AND SOMETIMES CAN BE HEARD FROM THE ROAD. IT WAS LAST SEEN JULY 24

ALSO IN SE IOWA, 3 LBH IN  
WHITE IMMATURE PLUMAGE WERE PRESENT  
ON JULY 23 AT A DES MOINES CO.  
PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MISS RIVER N OF  
BURLINGTON. THERE IS A LARGE SANDBAR IN  
THE RIVER AND THIS AREA HAS BEEN EXCELLENT  
FOR SHOREBIRDS, HERONS, AND GULLS + TERNS  
ALL SUMMER. A SCOPE IS NECESSARY. ON  
IOWA HIGHWAY #99 N. OR BX 60 EAST  
BETWEEN MILE MARKERS 9+10 FOR ABOUT  
6 MILES (THERE IS 1 JOG N FOR A MILE) AND  
GO OVER LEVEE.

IN NW IOWA GOOD SHOREBIRDING IS BEING  
REPORTED FROM CHRISTOPHERSON SLOUGH ABOUT  
6 MILES E. OF SPIRIT L IN DICKINSON  
CO. THE LAKE HAS BEEN DRAWN DOWN  
CREATING GOOD MUD FLAT HABITAT.

IN JOHNSON CO, SWAN LAKE, ABOUT 5  
MILES NW OF N.L. IS NEARLY DRIED UP,  
BUT HAS A VERY LARGE # OF SHOREBIRDS  
INCLUDING DOWITCHERS AND STILT SP ON THE 24TH

ON JULY 24, A BIRDING TRIP IN THE RUNNELS  
RED ROCK AREA, CHIEFLY IN MARION CO. PRODUCED  
75 SPECIES INCLUDING N. HARRIER, AMER BITTERN  
& 8 SPECIES OF SHOREBIRDS. GULLS + TERNS ARE  
RETURNING IN SMALL #'S.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPOR TO THANK  
BOB CELIC FOR THE SUPERB WAY HE MANAGED  
THE BIRD LINE DURING THE PAST YEAR.

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2 SH

JULY

3 1/2 MILES NW ECMA

HOWARD  
MILES MARSH

NOT THERE JULY 24

ON JULY 23 2 SANDHILL CRANES  
WERE SEEN AT LILA'S MARSH 3 1/2  
MILES NW OF ECMA IN HOWARD COUNTY.  
THEY COULD NOT BE RELOCATED ON THE  
24<sup>TH</sup>. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE  
BIRDS, CALL MARY JO HERTEL AT (515)  
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