

IOWA RBA UPDATE: 6/20/95

BIRDS MENTIONED:

Yellow-crowned Night Heron  
Forster's Tern  
Black Tern  
Bonaparte's Gull  
Gadwall  
Northern Shoveler  
Lesser Scaup  
Bell's Vireo  
Loggerhead Shrike  
Mississippi Kite  
Bewick's Wren

On the 20th in the southeast, two YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS were seen at the end of the Sullivan Slough Road south of Burlington. This is the first time this year that the Mississippi River level has been low enough to permit access to this area, which is a traditional nesting spot for this species. For more details, call Chuck Fuller at (319)753-0710.

In the northwest, some noteworthy sightings in Dickinson County this past weekend included FORSTER'S and BLACK TERNS, BONAPARTE'S GULL, GADWALL, and NORTHERN SHOVELER.

In the northeast at and near Pleasant Creek Recreation Area north of Palo on the 18th were LESSER SCAUP, BELL'S VIREO, and LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE.

Reports from the 19th were both updates of previously reported birds that were most recently seen on the 18th. In the central, two MISSISSIPPI KITES were seen in the cottonwood tree at the rear of the Olivet Baptist Church at 73rd and Del Matro in Clive, a Des Moines suburb. In the southeast BEWICK'S WRENS were still present at Bruce Hochstetler's farmyard in eastern Iowa. From hiway 1 at the Kalona Cheese Factory, about 4 miles north of Kalona, go west on Johnson County road F-67 for eight and three/quarter miles to a white house on the south side of the road. Please call before visiting at (319)646-2284 or 2369.

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BIRDS MENTIONED:

Prairie Warbler  
Chuck-will's-widow  
Ruffed Grouse  
Veery  
Pileated Woodpecker  
Scarlet Tanager  
Hooded Warbler  
Kentucky Warbler  
Blue-winged Warbler  
Cerulean Warbler  
Black and White Warbler  
Yellow-breasted Chat  
Henslow's Sparrow  
Cattle Egret  
Bald Eagle  
Franklin's Gull  
Northern Mockingbird  
Peregrine Falcon  
Prothonotary Warbler  
Chestnut-sided Warbler  
Sedge Wren  
Orchard Oriole  
Western Kingbird

The week's best bird is again the PRAIRIE WARBLER in Johnson County.

In the southeast in Johnson County, a PRAIRIE WARBLER was seen again on the 14th on the hillside just south of the sailboat storage enclosure at Lake MacBride State Park. This bird is difficult to find, as it sings only sporadically, and seems to have a wide territory. In Lucas County, the IOU field trip to the Stephens State Forest on the 17th and 18th produced the target bird, CHUCK-WILLS-WIDOW. Other birds of note were RUFFED GROUSE, PILEATED WOODPECKER, SCARLET TANAGER, a large number of VEERYS, and eleven WARBLER species, with HOODED, KENTUCKY, CERULEAN, BLACK AND WHITE, and BLUE-WINGED. This area is reached by going west a half mile from the intersection of US hiways 34 and 65, and then go south across railroad tracks, up a hill, and take the first left. The CHUCK-WILLS-WIDOW was found right after the left turn near a sign to Mine Pond, and the HOODED WARBLER was on a hillside along the nature trail which leaves from the levee of Mine Pond. In northern Lee County on the 15th, a YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT was on a brushy hillside, and a male HOODED WARBLER was singing in the woods behind the east end of that hillside. This area is reached from the west end of the town of Denmark by going north on gravel for two miles to a T, and then east a mile and a half. In Van Buren County, a considerable number of HENSLOW'S SPARROWS were in a field just south of Lacey-Keosauqua State Park on the 15th. Go out the south entrance asphalt road of the park, and at the first opportunity take a gravel to the right, and after about two miles, after taking only right turns, there is a small parking lot on the right side of the road. The field is

across the road from the parking lot. In Appanoose County, the Rathbun summer count on the 18th recorded 99 species, with CATTLE EGRET, two BALD EAGLE nests, one with young birds, FRANKLIN'S GULL, NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD, SCARLET TANAGER, and CERULEAN WARBLER.

In the northeast, the Cedar Rapids breeding bird census, the morning of the 17th, produced 91 species, with the PEREGRINE FALCONS visible about the Firststar Building in downtown, BLUE-WINGED, PROTHONOTARY, and CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLERS, VEERY, SEDGE WREN, and ORCHARD ORIOLE.

In the central, there once again is a WESTERN KINGBIRD nest on the state capitol grounds in Des Moines

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