

THE SOUTHWEST

ON THE 29TH ~~TH~~ WE HAVE A REPORT OF DEWICK'S
WRENS ^{WITH N} ~~IN~~ NESTS IN A MAIL SACK ^{IN A BUILDING} IN JOHN COUNTY.

THESE BIRDS ARE ON THE BRUCE NOCKSTETER PLACE.
^{AT THE MINA OVERSEER'S PLACE}

HERE ARE DIRECTIONS: FROM HIGHWAY 1A ABOUT 4 MILES

NORTH OF KALONA GO WEST ON ^{JOHN'S} COUNTY ROAD E-67 OR

WHICH IS 590TH STREET FOR 8 3/4 MILES AND THE

NOCKSTETERS LIVE IN A WHITE HOUSE ON THE SOUTH

SIDE OF THE ROAD. THEY WOULD PREFER HAVING A CALL

BEFORE YOU VISIT AT (319) 646-2224 OR 2369.

UPDATE IOWA RBA 4/26/95

On the 26th, one FISH CROW was seen once again in Louisa County, and there were three AMERICAN BITTERNs and both MARSH and SEDGE WRENS at that location.

On the 25th, at South Blue Lake in Monona County, there were 9 WHITE-FACED IBIS and 3 WILLETS, and at the Riverton Area in Fremont County, a CATTLE EGRET, WILLET, and numerous DUNLIN.

Jim Sincliar reports that the REEVE he discovered on the 22nd in Ringgold County was more likely a RUFF, and he also reported that the CINNAMON TEAL in Polk County in the Runnells area for over a month now, was still present on the 23rd on a pond along hiway 316 just southeast of the Des Moines River bridge.

In news received the 24th, in updates, there were now 12 WHITE-FACED IBIS and a COMMON MOORHEN at South Blue Lake in Monona County on the 23rd, and two FISH CROWS were relocated in Louisa County on the 23rd. There were 3 PIPING PLOVER at the south IPL pond, and two more at the Riverton Area on the 23rd. On the 24th, the RED-THROATED LOON was still at Little Wall Lake and in Lee County at the Croton unit of Shimek State Forest, a WHITE-EYED VIREO and HOODED WARBLER were found.

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ON THE 27TH IN THE CENTRAL IN POLK COUNTY, A SANDHILL CRANE WAS OBSERVED AT ARINGTON MARSH, 2 MILES SOUTHEAST OF EXHART.

IN THE SOUTHWEST IN JOHNSON COUNTY, A PINE WARBLER WAS AT OAKLAND CEMETERY IN JONA CITY AS PINES IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE CEMETERY ADJACENT TO GOVERNOR STREET. BOTH A MERLIN AND PEREGRINE FALCON WERE IN THE LAKE MACBRIDE AREA IN MUSCATINE COUNTY. A NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD WAS WEST OF MICHAEL'S ON THE HILLSIDE ALONG 180TH STREET ABOUT A HALF MILE SOUTH OF HWY 92.

IN THE NORTHEAST ^{IN UNK COUNTY} 2 EARED GREBES WERE AT THE SWIM BEACH AT PLEASANT CREEK RECREATION AREA NORTH OF P.M.O.

IOWA RBA for 4/24/95

BIRDS MENTIONED:

REEVE

White-faced Ibis

Marbled Godwit

Piping Plover

FISH CROW

Bewick's Wren

Henslow's Sparrow

Sandhill Crane

Red-throated Loon

Red-necked Grebe

Cinnamon Teal

Swainson's Hawk

Black-crowned Night Heron

Cattle Egret

Louisiana Waterthrush

Northern Parula

Ovenbird

Yellow-throated Warbler

Willet

Hudsonian Godwit

American Bittern

Greater White-fronted Goose

Short-eared Owl

Horned Grebe

Wilson's Phalarope

Mute Swan

Yellow-breasted Chat

Common Loon

Greater Scaup

American Avocet

Great-tailed Grackle

Pectoral Sandpiper

Thanks to wife, Karole, for handling the Birdline last week while I was off chasing birds in Texas. The highlights are REEVE, WHITE-FACED IBIS, and MARBLED GODWIT in the southwest, FISH CROW, BEWICK'S WREN, and HENSLOW'S SPARROW in the southeast, SANDHILL CRANE, RED-THROATED LOON, RED-NECKED GREBE, and MARBLED GODWIT in the central, and CINNAMON TEAL in the northwest.

In the southwest in Ringgold County, Jim Sinclair found a REEVE on the 22nd. The location was two miles west of Mt. Ayr on the north side of hiway 2. The bird was with PECTORAL SANDPIPERS in a flooded bean stubble field where Walnut Creek crosses the hiway. This is the second REEVE reported in the state this spring. In Fremont County at the Riverton Area, there were 8 SWAINSON'S HAWKS, a MARBLED GODWIT, a PIPING PLOVER, 5 BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS, and a

CATTLE EGRET on the 22nd. In Monona County at South Blue Lake, which is along hiway 175 west of I-29, there were 7 **WHITE-FACED IBIS**, 19 **MARBLED GODWITS**, and **GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES** along the eastern shore on the 21st. Good mudflat habitat exists there.

In the sotheast in Louisa County, Tom Kent discovered four **FISH CROWS** at the Mark Twain Wildlife Area on the 21st. This is a potential first state record. Here are the directions: From hiway 61 about four miles north of Wapello, take county road G-56 east to where it tees into county road X-61. Go north a short distance ~~until you see a sign for the Mark Twain Area~~, where you go east down a hill to where Mississippi River high waters prevent you from going farther. At this point there is a road that goes north and deadends at a levee. Walk the levee southeast, and the birds were in a flooded tree area on the inside of the levee in less than a half mile. In Lee County on the 23rd, two **BEWICK'S WRENS** were at the junkyard where they have been sometimes found in previous years. From the stop sign in the village of Argyle, go west two miles to a Y, where you follow the right fork to the junkyard. At the Croton unit of Shimek State Forest, there were five **WARBLER** species on the 23rd, including **LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH**, **NORTHERN PARULA**, and **OVENBIRD**. In Van Buren County at Lacey-Keosauqua State Park, there were **YELLOW-THROATED WARBLERS** and **NORTHERN PARULA** at the Ely Ford area, and a **HENSLow'S SPARROW** was singing just south of the park on the 23rd. In Des Moines County, there were three **WILLETS** in a wet field along Tama Road north of Burlington on the 20th. In Johnson County, a **HUDSONIAN GODWIT** was at the Twin View Heights area of the Coralville Reservoir on the 22nd.

2120TH STREET
PAST THE PARK
LOUISA
CEMETERY

In the central in Hamilton County, a basic-plumaged **RED-THROATED LOON**, and a **RED-NECKED GREBE** were along the east side of Little Wall Lake on the 22nd. In Hardin County, two **WILLETS** were seen along hiway 65 south of Hubbard on the 22nd. Earlier in the week there were six **MARBLED GODWITS** at the Colo Ponds in Story County. In Tama County, a **SANDHILL CRANE**, **AMERICAN BITTERN**, and four **GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GEESE** were spotted at Otter Creek Marsh on the 23rd. In Greene County, three **WHITE-FACED IBIS** were in a newly restored area at the south end of Dunbar Slough on the 20th.

In the northwest in Palo Alto County on the 22nd, a **CINNAMON TEAL** and **SHORT-EARED OWL** were seen along the Wetlands Trail at the nature center at Lost Island Lake, and twenty waterfowl species were recorded in the Ruthven area. In Sac County, nine **HORNED GREBES** were at Black Hawk Lake, and two **WILSON'S PHALAROPES** were at Tomahawk Marsh on the 23rd. In Sioux County, a **MUTE SWAN** was at Rock Valley on the 20th, and was observed from the Kiwanis Bridge Trail. In Calhoun County, a **YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT** was in Dale Stone's backyard at Lake City on the 20th.

In the northeast in Linn County, there was a RED-NECKED GREBE, COMMON LOON, HORNED GREBE, and GREATER SCAUP at ~~the~~ Pleasant Creek Recreation Area north of Palo on the 23rd.

In the north-central at Sliver Lake in Worth County, there were 14 duck species, an AMERICAN AVOCET, and 12 HORNED GREBES on the 23rd.

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