

THE BEST BIRD OF LAST WEEK WAS A 4TH OF JULY LONG BILLED CURLEW, WHICH WAS AT THE SOUTH POND OF THE IPL GENERATING STATION SOUTH OF COUNCIL BLUFFS FOR BUT ONE HOUR.

AT THE NORTH POND THERE THE SAME EVENING WERE 5 PIPING PLOVER, A WILLET, LESSER YELLOW-LEGS AND LEAST SANDPIPER.

THIS YEAR, ^{IN MISSOURI} UNPRECEDENTED, IS THE NUMBER OF REPORTS OF COMMON LOONS ~~WAS~~ SUMMERING AT MANY LOCATIONS IN THE STATE. — THE LATEST REPORTED WERE 7 AT LAKE RATIBUN IN APPANOOSE COUNTY AND 2 AT BLACKHAWK LAKE IN IOWA COUNTY.

ALSO ALONG THE SHORE OF LAKE RATIBUN, 9 WILLETS ON JULY 4TH

SOLITARY SANDPIPERES WERE REPORTED FROM FLOODED FIELD LOCATIONS EAST OF JEFFERSON IN GREENE COUNTY AND NORTHEAST OF STACY CITY. AND ALSO IN GREENE COUNTY, A WESTERN KING BIRD 2 MILES SOUTH OF COOPER. STILL IN THE NORTHWEST BLACK TERNS AND BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS AT 2 MILES S.W. OF GUTHRIE CO. IN THE NORTHEAST, A SWAMP SPAN WALK WAS OVER THE WATERLOO AIRPORT ON THE 6TH, PROBABLY ONE OF THE BIRDS THAT IS NESTING AT HARTMAN PRESERVE.

NEAR THE CARROLLVILLE RESERVOIR IN JOHNSON COUNTY, A CATTLE EGRET AT TOP'S POND AND UP TO 4 MOCKINGBIRDS NEAR WILLIAMS PRAIRIE ON THE 7TH.

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