

THE HIGHLIGHT THIS WEEK IS THE TWO BARN OWLS IN CENTRAL IOWA. SOME OF THE SMALL WOODPECKERS HAVE ALSO BEEN MOOVING, SO START LOOKING FOR THESE CONFUSING FALL WOODPECKERS.

THE 2 BARN OWLS IN DOLLAR COUNTY FIRST REPORTED AUGUST 6TH, WERE STILL BEING SEEN AT OURS ON AUGUST 11TH. TO SEARCH FOR THESE BIRDS, FROM HIGHWAY 141 AT PERRY GO NORTH ON 16TH STREET THROUGH THE TOWN. FOLLOW THE ROAD AFTER IT TURNS TO GRAVEL TO A T INTERSECTION. THIS IS THE LOCATION TO LISTEN AND LOOK. ONE OWL WAS SEEN ^{ALONG A FIELD} ON A DEAD SNAG TO THE NORTHWEST OF THAT INTERSECTION, AND ANOTHER WAS ON A UTILITY POLE JUST EAST OF THE INTERSECTION FROM ABOUT 8:20 - 9:30 ON THE 11TH. THE OWLS MAKE A RASPY HISSING SOUND. IN CENTRAL IOWA, ALMOST EVERY FARM FIELD HAS SOME SKALDERS HABITAT WHERE THERE ARE FLOODED LOW AREAS

THE OTHER REPORTS ARE ALL FROM SOUTHEAST IOWA. ON AUGUST 12TH, THE IOWA CITY BIRD CLUB FIELD TRIP LOCATED 65 SPECIES AROUND THE CARPENTERS RESERVOIR, INCLUDING 4 WHITE IMMATURE LITTLE BLUE HERONS IN WITH GREAT EGRETS ^{IN FLOODED FIELDS} ALONG THE HAULING ROCK ROAD. THIS AREA IS REACH BY GOING NORTH ON GRAVEL FROM WHERE JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD F-28 CURVES SOUTH TOWARD OXFORD. ALSO SEEN AROUND THE RESERVOIR WERE NORTHERN MOCKING, LOGCRAWLER

IN NEWS SINCE SUNDAY THE 12TH, FIRST FROM SOUTHEAST IOWA, AT THE CASEY-BORROW ACCESS OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER 10 MILES NORTH OF BURLINGTON, IN THE LAST 3 DAYS CATTLE EGRET, BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS, CASPIAN AND FORSTERS TERNS AND FRANKLINS GULL. IN IOWA COUNTY, 4 COMMON LOONS WERE IN A FLOODED FIELD SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 220 BETWEEN MIDDLE AND HIGH AMANA.

AND IN CENTRAL IOWA, 2 COMMON LOONS ABOVE THE DAM AT RED ROCK RESERVOIR ON THE 13TH AND A YELLOW BELLED FLYCATCHER AT BAG CREEK STATE PARK IN POLK COUNTY ON THE 12TH.

IN THE NORTHWEST, MATT KENNE REPORTS THE HAWK MIGRATION HAS BEGUN, AS ^{IN ONE HOUR} ON THE 12TH AT AMBROSE CALL STATE PARK NEAR ALLONA HE SAW A SHARP-SHINNED, 6 RED-TAILS, 1 OF WHICH WAS A HEADED AND 20 BROAD-WINGERS. IN ADDITION A MIGRANT LEAST FLYCATCHER.

SHRIKE, COOPER'S NAWK, SEVERAL WARDER AND VIREO
SPECIES AND AT LEAST 6 OLIVE SIDED FLAUGHTERS
IN SOUTHERN JOHNSON COUNTY A NORTHERN NAWK
WAS OBSERVED NEAR HIGHWAY 22 AND SPANX AVENUE
ON THE 9TH. AND AT FAIRFIELD, MANE PARTER
HAD 2 CAROLINA WRENNS AT HER FEEDER ON THE
10TH.

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