

FROM SOUTH CENTRAL IOWA

~~THE NEWS FROM TODAY, & ~~AND~~ ~~TO~~ ~~DATE~~ 2  
SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHERS HAVE BEEN  
PRESENT IN MAHAROE COUNTY SINCE AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>  
THEY HAVE BEEN AROUND THE HOME OF EVELYN  
WRIGHT WHICH IS THE FIRST HOUSE <sup>ALONG HIGHWAY 5</sup> NORTH OF  
LOUILLA ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE ROAD. IT  
IS A BRICK HOUSE WITH A BIRD BATH AND  
RECENTLY, AT LEAST 1 BIRD HAS BEEN  
COMING TO THE BIRDBATH IN THE AFTERNOON.~~

IN NEWS ABOUT THE SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER,  
FIRST REPORTED FROM MAHAROE COUNTY IN SOUTH CENTRAL IOWA  
ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup>, ONE ADULT BIRD WAS STILL BEING SEEN  
THROUGH THE 26<sup>TH</sup>. THERE HAD BEEN 2 BIRDS AT THIS  
LOCATION SINCE AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>, BUT RECENTLY ONLY ONE.  
THEY ARE BEING SEEN AROUND THE HOME OF EVELYN  
WRIGHT WHICH IS A BRICK HOUSE AND THE FIRST  
HOUSE <sup>ON THE EAST SIDE OF HIGHWAY 5</sup> NORTH OF LOUILLA. <sup>ALONG HIGHWAY 5.</sup>

AT THE CARROLLVILLE RESERVOIR IN JOHNSON COUNTY ON  
THE 27<sup>TH</sup>, BIRDS SEEN AROUND A POND AND MARSHY  
AREA ABOUT A HALF MILE NORTHEAST OF SWAN LAKE  
WERE 10 SPARROW SPECIES INCLUDING SHARP TAILED,  
LECONTE'S, HARRIS', AND LINCOLN'S, SOAR AND VIRGINIA  
RAILS, MARSH AND SEDGE WREN. AN AMERICAN  
BITTERN WAS AT THE COW CLUB POND AND AN ADULT BLACK  
CROWNED NIGHT HERON SOUTH OF THE PUPONT BRIDGE. AND AT  
THE END OF THE BOBCOCK ACCESS ROAD, ALL BIRDS IN THE  
WEEK'S REPORT WERE PRESENT PLUS BLACK BELTED PLOVER.

THE STRONG COLD FRONT OF FRIDAY THE 21<sup>ST</sup> PROBABLY  
DROVE MOST OF THE LESS HARDY WADERS SOUTH OF THE  
STATE, AND EVEN BROUGHT IN A REPORT OF WINTER BIRDS  
IN THE NORTHWEST. THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS ARE FROM  
CENTRAL IOWA, A YELLOW RAIL IN GREENE COUNTY AND  
THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF CALIFORNIA GULL IN POCK COUNTY.

THE ADULT CALIFORNIA GULL IN WINTER PLUMAGE, FIRST  
REPORTED FROM THE SAYLORVILLE RESERVOIR NORTH OF DES  
MOINES ON SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, WAS STILL BEING SEEN ON  
SUNDAY THE 23<sup>RD</sup>. THE BIRD HAS BEEN MOST RELIABLE  
IN THE LATE AFTERNOON AND EVENING AT THE BEACH OF THE  
SANDPIPER RECREATION AREA ALONG WITH RING-BILLED  
GULLS AND CASPIAN TERNS. IT PROBABLY ROOSTS AT  
THIS LOCATION. IT HAS ALSO BEEN SEEN DURING THE  
DAY AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN THE NORTH END OF  
THE LAKE BETWEEN THE MILE LONG BRIDGE AND  
THE HIGHWAY 17 BRIDGE. ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> THERE WERE  
ALSO 3 LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER AND 10 BUFF BREASTED  
SANDPIPERS AT THE SANDPIPER BEACH. THERE ARE SEVERAL  
HUNDRED WHITE PELICANS IN THE SETZER PARK AREA AT SAYLORVILLE RESERVOIR

THE YELLOW RAIL WAS FOUND ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> AT SNAKE  
CREEK WILDLIFE AREA IN GREENE COUNTY 1 1/2 MILES  
NORTH OF RIPPEY. IT WAS FLUSHED ABOUT 100  
YARDS WEST OF THE EAST PARKING LOT. FOR  
MORE INFORMATION CALL EUGENE OR ELOISE ARMSTRONG AT  
(515) 996-2726.

ALSO IN CENTRAL IOWA AT THE MARSHY AREA

JUST SOUTH OF STORY COUNTY ROAD E-63 A MILE WEST OF HUXLEY, THE WEST POND IS DRY, BUT THE EAST POND HAD LESSER GOLDEN AND BLACK BELLED PLOVER, SANDPILING, AND LONG BILLED DOVETAIL ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup>.

IN NORTHWEST IOWA IN KASSATH COUNTY, A LATE MALE SCARLET TANGER, 3 RED-BREASTED NUTHATCHES, AND 4 PURPLE FINCHES AT AMBERSE CREEK STATE PARK ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup>, THE FIRST DARK-EYED JUNCO REPORT OF THE FALL FROM ALLIAMA ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> AND ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> 2 AMERICAN BITTERNS AND 1 LINGERING YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD AT UNION SLOUGH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND A SWAINSON'S HAWK NEAR BURT.

IN SOUTHWEST IOWA AT THE CORNVILLE RESERVOIR, ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> AND 23<sup>RD</sup> AT THE END OF THE BARCOCK ACCESS, AMERICAN PIPITS, 4 GOLDEN PLOVER, 3 BOIRD'S SANDPIPERS AND A BUFF BREASTED SANDPIPER AS WELL AS 100 WHITE PELICANS, 125 GREAT BLUE HERONS AND A THOUSAND DOUBLE CRESTED COOMORANTS. AT SWAN LAKE 5 SORAS AND AN AMERICAN BITTERN AT A POND NORTHEAST OF THERE AND 3 BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS NEAR THE DUPONT BRIDGE. AT FAIRFIELD, THE NUMBER OF CHIMNEY SWIFTS ENTERING THE ~~FAIRFIELD~~ CHIMNEY AT FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL HAS DWINDLED FROM 4000 ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> TO A MERE 2500 ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup>

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