

ON THE 1ST IN THE SOUTHEAST AT ~~THE~~ NICKERSON
HILL PARK IN IOWA CITY, 18 WARBLER
SPECIES, INCLUDING MALE AND FEMALE BLACK-
THROATED BLUE, CONNECTICUT, MORNING, AND
GOLDEN-WINGED, ^{AS WELL AS YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER,} WERE IN THE SOUTH CANYON.

ON THE 31ST, THE RED-NECKED PHALAROPE WAS
STILL ALONG GREENCASTLE AVENUE AT THE CARROLL
RESERVOIR AND A RED BREASTED NUTHATCH WAS NOT
FAR AWAY AT ROUND LAKE. AND ON THE 28TH, 5 TOTAL
MISSISSIPPI KITES, 3 ADULTS AND 2 FLEAGLIMS
WERE SEEN AT THE QUIET BAPTIST CHURCH IN
WINDSOR HEIGHTS.

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Despite the heat and unfavorable migration conditions, there are still some migrant passerines in the state. The week's highlights are REEVE and RED-NECKED PHALAROPE in Johnson County, MISSISSIPPI KITE in the Des Moines area, and SNOWY EGRET, LITTLE BLUE HERON, and LEAST TERN in the southwest.

In the southeast in Johnson County, the REEVE first discovered at the Coralville Reservoir on the 21st, was last seen there on the 26th. There was also a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE and BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER there on the 27th, and as many as fifteen shorebird species during the past week. To reach this area, get off I-380 at exit 4 and go west on county road F-28 for not quite four miles to Greencastle Avenue, where you go north about two miles to a "Road Closed" sign. The REEVE has been on the west side of the road here early in the week, while later in the week along with the RED-NECKED PHALAROPE, it preferred an area which can be viewed by looking west from a small parking lot, which is about 200 yards south of the "Road Closed" sign. Nearby, at Swan Lake, there were also quite a few shorebirds, including an AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER on the 27th.

In the central in Polk County, one juvenile MISSISSIPPI KITE had fledged, and another was in the area of the nest in the hackberry tree on the 26th. The nest tree is just south of the parking lot at the rear of the Olivet Baptist Church at 73rd and Del Matro in Windsor Heights. To reach this area, get off I-235 at the 8th Street West Des Moines exit, and go north a little over a mile.

In the southwest in Fremont County, 230 CATTLE EGRETS, two SNOWY EGRETS, and an immature LITTLE BLUE HERON were in the area along hiway 2 east of Nebraska City on the 27th. In Pottawattamie County, there were five TERN species, including LEAST and COMMON, at the Midwest Power Company's settling ponds south of COUNCIL BLUFFS on the 27th.

In the northeast, a WHITE-EYED VIREO was at the Mines of Spain Natural Area south of Dubuque on the 26th. In Cerro Gordo County on the 24th, BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS were at the Blackmore Sod Farm along 310th Street north of Mason City and 3/4 mile east of hiway 65. In Worth County, three OSPREYS were at the Elk Creek Wildlife Area on the 24th.

In the northwest, the best birds of the IOU field trip to Brushy Creek Recreation Area southeast of Fort Dodge on the 27th included a BROAD-WINGED HAWK, an OSPREY, and seven WARBLER species, with three singing CERULEANS, CANADA, and BLACKBURNIAN. On the 25th, a WESTERN KINGBIRD was spotted in Palo Alto County, and in Dickinson County, seven GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES were in the Spring Run Area southeast of Pleasant Lake.

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