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IN ~~SOME~~ ~~RELATED~~ REPORTS RECEIVED THE 7TH FROM THE
NW IN DICKINSON COUNTY, A WESTERN GREBE WAS SEEN
ON JUNE 30 ON LITTLE SPIRIT LAKE RIGHT OFF HIGHWAY
276 ~~AND THE CBNG WAS AT THE KETTELSON WPA.~~

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IN NEWS FROM

ON THE 8TH, IN THE NW IN DICKINSON CO, NOT
ONLY WAS THE CBNG AT THE KETTELSON WPA
BUT A SABINE'S GULL IN FIRST ALTERNATE
PLUMAGE WAS THERE AS WELL. TO REACH THIS AREA,
FROM HIGHWAY 9 IN SPIRIT LAKE, GO NORTH ON
HIGHWAY 276, AND WHERE IT SKEWS THE WEST SIDE
OF BIG SPIRIT LAKE. TURN WEST ON 125TH ST,
AND THE POND IS ALMOST IMMEDIATELY ON THE SOUTH
SIDE OF THE ROAD. ON THE 6TH IN CLAY CO, A
LEWA WAS SINGING @ WANATA S.P. NEAR
PETERSON. IN WORTH COUNTY, 3 WESTERN GREBS
WERE ON SILVER LAKE & 2 VIKAS WERE IN THE MASH
N. OF 300TH ST, ^{WHICH RUNS} ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF RIVER LAKE.
IN CERRO GORDO CO, 3 WINDS WERE AT ZIMBEL
SL ON THE N SIDE OF THE ROAD, AND W. OF THE
EASTERMOST CHANNEL.

IN THE CENTRAL IN STARY CO, A BLUE CROSSBILLY
WAS IN E. RIVERSIDE PARK IN AMES ON THE 6TH

To SW

IN FREMONT CO
IN UPDATES FROM THE 10TH IN THE SW, THE KING
RAIL, LITTLE BLUE HERON, LEAST BITTERN, CATTLE
EGRET WERE STILL EAST OF NEBRASKA CITY. TO
LOCATE THE RAIL, LISTEN FOR ITS LOUD
CLUCKING, AND ^{AT FORNEY LAKE LEBI + COMO WERE SEEN}
AND ^{AT DUSK} THE CHUCK-WILLS WIDOWS WERE
STILL SINGING, IN THEIR LOESS HILLS LOCATION. FROM
HIWAU 2, TAKE C.R. C-44 NORTH ALMOST A
MILE + A HALF, THEN GO RIGHT ON THE FIRST
GRAVEL. THEY ARE MOST OFTEN HEARD AFTER 1/4
MILE. THE POTAWATOMIE CO, 4 P10L + 2
LETE WERE AT THE SOUTH SETTING POND OF THE
MID AMERICAN ENERGY CO. S. OF C.B. IN
TAYLOR COUNTY, THE BARN OWLS ARE STILL
IN ZELBERT FREEMAN'S BARN 6 MILE E
+ A MILE S. OF BEDFORD. IN THE CENTRAL
IN BOONE CO, N ILTS WERE STILL @ THE
LOWER PORTION OF LEDGES SP AND IN WARREN
CO. THE NOWA WAS STILL SINGING ALONG
THE TRAIL ON THE W. SIDE OF C. ANGUASBI
NEAR ITS INTERSECTION TO THE TRAIL TO
CAMP WESLEY WOOD

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BirdsMentioned:

King Rail
Little Blue Heron
American Avocet
Worm-eating Warbler
Mississippi Kite
Least Bittern
Common Moorhen
Blue Grosbeak
Least Tern
Piping Plover
Western Kingbird
Least Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper
Cerulean Warbler
Kentucky Warbler
Blue-winged Warbler
Louisiana Waterthrush
Northern Parula
Acadian Flycatcher
Yellow-breasted Chat
White-throated Sparrow

~~To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time.~~ The week's highlights include KING RAIL and LITTLE BLUE HERON in the southwest, AMERICAN AVOCET in the northeast, WORM-EATING WARBLER in the southeast, and MISSISSIPPI KITE in the central.

In the southwest in Fremont County, both a KING RAIL and LITTLE BLUE HERONS have been seen all week by numerous observers east of Nebraska City, the latest on the 6th. From hiway 2 go north on county road L-31 and then take the first gravel road west, where up to seven LITTLE BLUE HERONS have been on the south side of the road. Continue west to county road L-30 which is gravel, and turn south to where there is water over the road. The KING RAIL, as well as a LEAST BITTERN have been at this location on the west side of the road. At Forney Lake on the 6th, another LEAST BITTERN and two COMMON MOORHENS were found. BLUE GROSBEAKS were spotted at several locations, including the road to Secret Lake, and near Sheldon Basin. In Pottawattamie County at the Mid American Energy Co. settling pond south of Council Bluffs, LEAST TERNS and PIPING PLOVER were at the north pond, while a WESTERN KINGBIRD and returning shorebirds LEAST and BAIRD'S SANDPIPERS were at the south pond on the 6th.

In the northeast in Linn County, an AMERICAN AVOCET was on an island at the south pond at Cedar Lake in Cedar Rapids on the 6th.

In the southeast in Lee County, birds seen at the Croton unit of Shimek State Forest on the 6th included WORM-EATING, CERULEAN, KENTUCKY, and BLUE-WINGED WARBLERS, LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH, NORTHERN PARULA, and ACADIAN

FLYCATCHER. The WORM-EATING WARBLER was feeding a cowbird along the main stream a hundred yards past the crossover, and on the 3rd it was seen just in from the parking lot up the first ravine to the right. A YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT was still singing on the 3rd on the hillside south of Old Quarry Road, 3.75 miles upriver from the south end of the Skunk River bridge at Augusta.

In the central, MISSISSIPPI KITES have been reported from four locations the past two weeks: in Warren County at Lake Ahquabi State Park, in Polk County at Greenwood Park in Des Moines, in Dallas County at the Voas Nature Area west of Minburn, and in Boone County at the lower area of the Ledges State Park. In West Des Moines, a WHITE-THROATED SPARROW must think it is in the north woods, as it has been singing in Pam and Reid Allen's backyard since June 20.

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