

IN NEWS FROM THE 15TH IN THE CENTRAL IN Boone Co,
AN IBIS (sp.) WAS SEEN ON THE BIG POOL @ HARRIS
MARSH S. OF OGDEN. IN THE NE IN CENTRAL
BOONE CO, SWAINSON'S HAWKS HAVE BEEN PRESENT
N. OF MADISON CITY NEAR THE LINE CO. N.C., ALL
SUMMER, AND ON THE 15TH 3 WERE SEEN,
INCLUDING 1 IMMATURE FLYING OVER BLOOMERS
NURSERY ON THE E. SIDE OF HIGHWAY 65 ^{about 3/4 mile} ~~at~~ THE
ENTRANCE TO LIME CREEK. AND AN UPDATE FROM
FREMONT CO, WHERE ON THE EVENING OF THE 13TH
THE ROSEATE SPRAWN PUT ON A GOOD SHOW ^{IN THE EVENING} AS IT
CAME IN TO ROOST S. OF NEW HIGHWAY 2.

~~To STELLA~~

In AN UPDATE FROM

THE 11TH FROM THE NW, WHERE THE RALD WAS STILL
BEING SEEN AT BIG SPIRIT LAKE, ^{IN DICKINSON CO.} THIS TIME OFF CRANFORD'S
BEACH IN THE FAR NW CORNER OF THE LAKE.

WE ALSO HAVE NEWS THAT THE ROSENTE SPOONBILL IN
FREMONT CO. MAY HAVE AN ALTERNATE ROOST SITE ON
THE EAST SIDE OF THE 9TH IT WENT INTO SOME WILLOWS ^{AT THE EDGE OF WATER} WHICH
WERE ^{LOCATED 1/4 TO 1/2 MILE} NORTH OF OLD HIGHWAY 2 OPPOSITE A CORN BARN. THE
VIEWING SPOT WAS FROM OLD HIGHWAY 2 NEAR THE BRIDGE

ON THE 13TH IN AN UPDATE FROM THE SW IN
FREMONT CO; THE ROSENTE SPOONBILL WAS SEEN
LEAVING THE ROOST SITE AT 6:12 AM, WHICH IS
WELL BEFORE SUNRISE. IT WAS ONE OF THE
FIRST BIRDS TO FLY OUT AND IT HEADED NW.
THIS IS THE ROOST WHICH IS JUST SOUTH OF
NEW HIGHWAY 2 NEAR WHERE (C.R. L-3) INTERSECTS
ELSEWHERE, A LEBI LUNG ALONG, ^{THE WEST SIDE} C.R. L-30
WHERE THERE IS A CULVERT ABOUT TWO MILES N OF
OLD HIGHWAY 2, AND 4 BBSA WERE SEEN AT THE
MAIN POOL OF THE RIVERTON AREA

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Birds Mentioned:

ROSEATE SPOONBILL
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron
Yellow-crowned Night Heron
Black-headed Grosbeak
Pacific Loon
Red-necked Phalarope
Great Egret
Great Blue Heron
Cattle Egret
Black-crowned Night Heron
Great-tailed Grackle
Least Tern
Common Moorhen
Least Bittern
Blue Grosbeak
Common Loon
Red-breasted Nuthatch
American Avocet
Common Tern
Piping Plover
Ruddy Turnstone
Willet
Sanderling
Buff-breasted Sandpiper

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. The big news this week is a ROSEATE SPOONBILL in the southwest, where there were also SNOWY EGRET, LITTLE BLUE HERON, YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON, and BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK reported. Other highlights were a PACIFIC LOON in the northwest, and a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE in the central.

In the southwest in Fremont County, the juvenile ROSEATE SPOONBILL discovered at the Waubonsie Wildlife Area east of Nebraska City by Steve Dinsmore on the 4th, was still being seen at least through the 9th. The bird has been seen ~~coming in to roost~~ ^{LEAVING THE} in the early morning, and ~~leaving~~ the roost late in the evening. Morning flyouts last week were from 5:55-6:30 AM, and evening flyins ranged from 7:07-8:50 PM. The roost is located in willow trees about 100-200 yards southeast of new hiway 2, along a curve which is just west of where county road L-31 intersects. Also seen in the large wet area east of Nebraska City on the 9th, in with the numerous GREAT EGRETS and GREAT BLUE HERONS, were 6 SNOWY EGRETS, 27 LITTLE BLUE HERONS, 100 CATTLE EGRETS, 7 YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS, as well as BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS and numerous GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES. At the Riverton Area, a juvenile male BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK was seen east of the checkin station on the 9th, and a LEAST TERN was on the main pool on the 5th. At Forney Lake, a YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON, a COMMON MOORHEN with four chicks, and a LEAST BITTERN were present on the 5th, while a

BLUE GROSBEAK was along county road L-31 a quarter mile south of Bartlett on the 9th.

In the northwest in Dickinson County, we have had no news of the PACIFIC LOON at Big Spirit Lake since the 2nd, when it was seen with two COMMON LOONS in the Buffalo Run area along the west side of the lake. In Ida County, a RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH was at Ida Grove on the 8th.

In the central in Greene County, an AMERICAN AVOCET was at Dunbar Slough on the 5th, and in Boone County, a LEAST TERN was on the north side of the big pool at Harrier Marsh south of Ogden on the 3rd. In Polk County at the Saylorville Reservoir, a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE and three COMMON TERNS were off campground #4 at Jester Park on the 9th, while three PIPING PLOVER, a RUDDY TURNSTONE, and a WILLET were at the beach of Sandpiper Recreation Area on the 9th, and a SANDERLING and seven BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS were there on the 2nd.

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