

IOWA RBA: (319)338-9881 for 7/28/97

Birds Mentioned:

Little Blue Heron
Snowy Egret
Cattle Egret
Hooded Warbler
American Avocet
Wilson's Phalarope
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Stilt Sandpiper
Least Bittern

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. Shorebirds are really starting to move into the state wherever there is suitable habitat. The week's highlights include LITTLE BLUE HERON and SNOWY EGRET in the southwest, HOODED WARBLER in the central, and LITTLE BLUE HERON in the southeast.

In the southwest in Fremont County, LITTLE BLUE HERONS, SNOWY EGRETS, and CATTLE EGRETS can be found in the flooded area east of Nebraska City and all were seen there on the 23rd. The best area is found by taking county road L-31 north from hiway 2 to the first gravel road west. Take that road and look along the south side, as you continue west. When you reach a T intersection, go south and look along that road. At the Riverton Area, there are a great many shorebirds on the main pool east of the checkin station, and on the 23rd there was an AMERICAN AVOCET, and WILSON'S PHALAROPES there.

In the Central, in Warren County, the male HOODED WARBLER was still singing on the 23rd at Lake Ahquabi State Park, along the trail that runs along the west side of the lake, near its intersection with a trail that runs to Camp Wesley Woods. In Greene County, there are also quite a few shorebirds at Dunbar Slough, and on the 27th an early BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER, along with WILSON'S PHALAROPES and STILT SANDPIPERS were found there, specifically along county road N-58, two and a quarter miles north of its intersection with county road E-57. In Madison County, at least one LEAST BITTERN was still being seen on the 23rd at the farm pond of Eugene and Eloise Armstrong who live south of Booneville, and whom you may reach for more information at (515)996-2726.

In the southeast in Lee County, a white LITTLE BLUE HERON was on a pond just north of Montrose, and another LITTLE BLUE HERON was at Heron Bend Conservation Area, which is east off hiway 61 about three miles north of Montrose, BOTH ON THE 23RD.

Summer field reports for Iowa Bird Life are due by August 5 to field editor Jim Dinsmore, 4024 Arkansas Drive, Ames, Iowa, 50010.

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③ ON THE 29TH IN THE CENTRAL FROM CARROLL COUNTY, A SNOWY EGRET WAS AT VAN HORN SLOUGH, WHICH IS 2 1/2 MILES EAST OF GLIDDEN AND IN GREENE COUNTY, THERE WERE 12 SPECIES OF SHOREBIRDS AT DUNBAR SLOUGH, WHICH INCLUDED BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER, WESTERN SANDPIPER, AND SANDPELUNG.

④ ON THE 1ST IN THE SW IN FREMONT CO, THERE WERE 50 CATTLE EGRETS AND 5 LITTLE BLUE HERONS EAST OF NEBRASKA CITY, SPECIFICALLY N. OF HWAY 2 ON LR L-31 AND THEN WEST ON THE FIRST GRAVEL ROAD.

⑤ THE NEXT WEEK'S REPORT WILL NOT BE ONLINE UNTIL EARLY MONDAY AUG 11TH.

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