

AND ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup>, WE HAVE YET TWO MORE

REPORTS OF RED CROSSBILLS; IN THE NORTHWEST,

4 OR 5 <sup>HAVE BEEN</sup> VISITING THE FEEDER OF MARCIA WICKMAN

AT 2920 27<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE IN MARION SINCE THE 27<sup>TH</sup>

909 MAY CALL MARCIA FOR UPDATES AT (319) 377-9552

AND IN THE NORTHWEST IN OBERKKE, 4 BIRDS

HAVE BEEN AT DEAN MUMMERT'S FEEDER AT

715 NORTH FIRST STREET.

ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup>, THE LATEST RED CROSSBILL SIGHTING

WAS IN CEDAR RAPIDS, WHERE SHARON FEIREISEN

HAD 3 BIRDS AT HER FEEDER AT 1111 I AVENUE,

NW. SHE CAN BE REACHED AT (319) 362-7628

IOWA RBA: (319)338-9881 FOR 7/29/96

BIRDS MENTIONED:

Red Crossbill  
Worm-eating Warbler  
Snowy Egret  
Mississippi Kite  
BLACK-HEADED GULL  
Trumpeter Swan  
Ruddy Shelduck (Exotic)  
Blue-Winged Warbler  
Kentucky Warbler  
Worm-eating Warbler  
Cattle Egret  
Common Loon  
Wilson's Phalarope  
Stilt Sandpiper  
Pine Siskin  
Wood Duck

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I think it is safe to say we are experiencing a summer invasion of RED CROSSBILLS in the state. These birds are true nomads, and are known to not only appear at odd times and places, but also to nest during any month of the year at varied locations. Two weeks ago, a dozen of these birds frequented a feeder near Iowa City for two days, and now in the past few days five additional reports have been received, so keep your eyes on your feeders and search local cemeteries for these birds. Other highlights this week are WORM-EATING WARBLER and SNOWY EGRET in the southeast, and MISSISSIPPI KITE in the central. We have had no updates on the BLACK-HEADED GULL in Dickinson County since the 20th, but would guess that it is still at the same location it was seen for the previous month.

In the northwest in Kossuth County, up to twelve RED CROSSBILLS have been in Algona, visiting feeders in the east-central part of town at the Treganzas at 1110 E. McGregor, across the street from there, and at Ann Darbyshire's around the corner at 309 S. Hale. These birds have been present for over a week now, and were still there on the 28th. One bird was also found in the cemetery along hiway 18 at the east edge of town on the 25th. McGregor Street is the first stop light along hiway 169 as you enter Algona from the south. For updates, call Harry or Nina Treganza at (515)295-2276 or Matt Kenne at (515)295-9620. In Clay County, fifteen RED CROSSBILLS were seen at a feeder in the west part of Spencer on the 24th, and others were spotted last week at a feeder in the southwest part of town, and at the cemetery in the far west part of town. This past week, four TRUMPETER SWANS were released at Stolley Park in Spencer. In Dickinson County, two more RED CROSSBILLS were observed at a feeder in Spirit Lake on the 24th. In Cerro Gordo County, the exotic of the week is a RUDDY SHELDUCK sighted on the 26th at Zirbel Slough on the pond nearest the interstate.

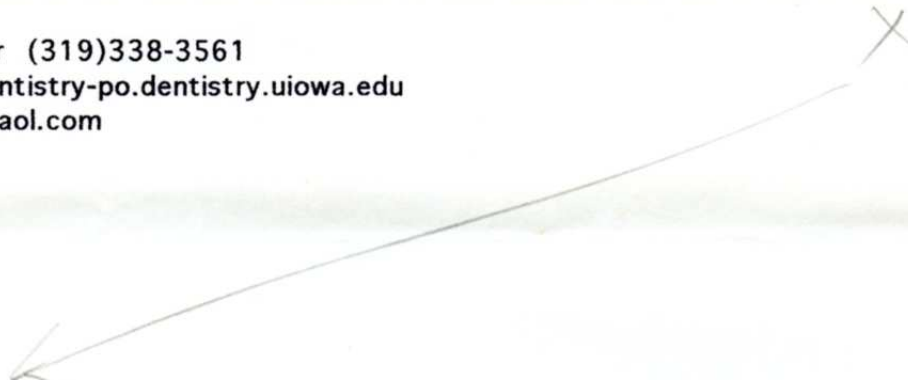
In the southeast in Benton County, up to eight RED CROSSBILLS have been in Walford, which is just southwest of Cedar Rapids, for three days through the 28th.

They are visiting the feeders of Ron Olswold at 225 4th Avenue, West. In Lee County at the Croton Unit of Shimek State Forest, BLUE-WINGED, KENTUCKY, and WORM-EATING WARBLERS, plus ACADIAN FLYCATCHER were along the stream fairly close to the parking lot on the 28th. In Des Moines County, a SNOWY EGRET was at Casey-Barrow public access on the Mississippi River about ten miles north of Burlington, on the 23rd.

In the central, a big July day on the 25th produced 105 species, with the following highlights; In Boone County, a MISSISSIPPI KITE was a flyover at Ledges State Park; in Hamilton County three CATTLE EGRETS were at Anderson Lake east of Jewell, and a COMMON LOON was at Little Wall Lake, while in Greene County, the seven shorebird species at the southwest corner of Dunbar Slough included WILSON'S PHALAROPE and STILT SANDPIPER.

In the northeast in Clayton County, Larry Stone had a PINE SISKIN at his feeder near Elkader on the 22nd. In Tama County, a very strange looking WOOD DUCK, which displayed plumage features of both male and female, was seen with other WOOD DUCKS at the north end of the lake at Union Grove State Park on the 27th.

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