

TO SKIP

ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> IN THE SW 7 LBNEs AND A KING RAIL WERE FOUND IN FREEMONT CO. EAST OF NEBRASKA CITY. FROM HIGHWAY 2 GO NORTH ON C.R. L-31 AND GO LEFT AT THE FIRST GRAVEL ROAD. THE LBNEs WERE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THIS ROAD. CONTINUE ON TO WHERE THE GRAVEL INTERSECTS CR L-30 WHICH IS THE ROAD ALONG THE MISSOURI RIVER LEVEE AND GO LEFT TO WHERE THERE IS WATER OVER THE ROAD & THE KING RAIL WAS ON THE WEST SIDE THERE.

CENTRAL

ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup> IN THE ~~SE~~ IN WARREN CO, 2 MIKIS WERE FEEDING OVER LAKE ANQUADAI AND A HOODED WARBLER WAS ALONG THE TRAIL ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE LAKE THAT RUNS TO CAMP WESLEY WOODS. IN POLK COUNTY 2 WEXI WERE ALONG MCKINLEY NORTH OF THE D.M. AIRPORT NEAR THE BLUE HAWLAIS ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup>.

IN THE NW, BEN HUSER REPORTS 3 JUVENILE RBMA AT THE PLYMOUTH CO NESTING LOCATION ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup>

ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 8 PM, I PT WILL HAVE SOME SHOTS  
OF THE LOU SINKING MTS @ SPARK CITY IN MAY

ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> IN THE UPDATE FROM THE SE IN LEE CO,  
THE WORM-EATING WARBLER WAS SEEN BUT NOT  
HEARD AT THE COTTON UNIT OF <sup>THE</sup> SHINEX S.P.K. A  
YBCH WAS STILL SINGING ON THE N.W. SIDE SOUTH  
OF OLD QUARRY ROAD 3.75 MILES UP RIVER FROM  
THE SOUTH END OF THE SKUNK RIVER BRIDGE AT  
AUGUSTA.

ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> <sup>IN THE SW</sup> THE LITTLE BLUE HERONS AND  
KING RAIL WERE STILL BEING SEEN IN FREMONT  
CO AND THERE WAS ALSO A LEAST BITTERN  
IN THE AREA OF THE KING RAIL.

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Birds Mentioned:

Mountain Bluebird  
Mississippi Kite  
Black-billed Magpie  
Worm-eating Warbler  
Broad-winged Hawk  
Yellow-throated Warbler  
Bell's Vireo  
Veery  
American Bittern  
Least Tern  
Caspian Tern  
Black Tern  
Forster's Tern  
Least Bittern  
Cattle Egret  
Great-tailed Grackle  
Little Blue Heron  
Chuck-wills Widow  
Blue Grosbeak  
Piping Plover  
Barn Owl

The week's highlights include MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD and MISSISSIPPI KITE in the central, BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE in the northwest, WORM-EATING WARBLER in the southeast, and BARN OWL and LITTLE BLUE HERON in the southwest.

In the central in Dallas County, a MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD was reported on the 28th four miles north of Perry, but could not be relocated later in the day. In Polk County on the 29th in Des Moines, two MISSISSIPPI KITES were spotted flying over Greenwood Park, and WESTERN KINGBIRDS were still being seen on the state capitol grounds. In Boone County at the Ledges State Park, birds seen on the 27th at the lower ledges in the area near the bridge included two MISSISSIPPI KITES, two BROAD-WINGED HAWKS, three YELLOW-THROATED WARBLERS, and a BELL'S VIREO.

In the northwest in Plymouth County, a BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE was seen on the 28th where these birds have been reported to be nesting previously. From hiway 12 south of Westfield, take 234th Street east for a mile and a half, and look to the north. In Cherokee County, a singing VEERY was at the Martin Access to the little Sioux River east of Larrabee on the 29th. In Cerro Gordo County, two AMERICAN BITTERNS were at Ventura Marsh near dusk on the 28th.

In the southeast in Lee County, a WORM-EATING WARBLER was seen on the 24th at the Croton Unit of Shimek Satte Forest, just in from the parking lot and up the ravine to the right. In Des Moines County on the 24th, four TERN species, including LEAST TERN, were at the Casey-Barrow Access to the Mississippi River about ten miles north of Burlington. ~~ONE TERN 29th~~

In the southwest in Fremont County, all reports from the 28th, a LEAST BITTERN was at Forney Lake, three CATTLE EGRETS and six GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES were seen south of hiway 2 east of Nebraska City, three LITTLE BLUE HERONS, were found by taking county road L-31 north from hiway 2 and taking the first gravel road to the left. CHUCK-WILLS WIDOWS were heard at dusk in their traditional location in the loess hills, which is found by taking county road L-44 north from hiway 2 for over a mile, and turning right at the first gravel road, and listen during the next mile. A BLUE GROSBEAK was seen near the bridge just south of Bartlett. In Pottawattamie County at the Mid American Energy Company settling ponds south of Council Bluffs, PIPING PLOVERS and LEAST TERNS were found at both the south and north ponds on the 28th. In Taylor County, BARN OWLS are once again nesting in Zelbert Freemyer's barns, six miles east and a mile south of Bedford.

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