

IOWA RBA: (319)338-9881 for 5/19/97

Welcome to an update of the Birdline of the Iowa Ornithologists Union for Thursday, May 22nd at 8:00 PM. To skip the recording and leave a message just press the star at any time.

*WWDove on 21st in LeGrand N of Union  
across from the HS*  
A MISSISSIPPI KITE was seen on the 19th and 21st over the Greenwood Park area of Des Moines and another one was found on the 22nd at lower Ledges State Park off Canyon Road in a Hackberry tree at the trailhead of Hutton Memorial Trail.

In SW Iowa a COMMON MOOR HEN was at the #23 pullout of Forney Lake on the 20th. Also in the SW on the 20th at the NW end of the Riverton Wildlife Area there was a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE; N of hwy 2 on the road to Percival there were 37 HUDSONIAN GODWITS and 5 GOLDEN PLOVERS, and along L-31 a MARBLED GODWIT and 5 HUDSONIAN GODWITS.

And for the week's report:

The birds of the week were nesting BLACK-BILLED MAGPIES, and the continuation of the WHITE-WINGED DOVE. Other highlights included LAZULI BUNTING and possibly ANHINGA.

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GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES were south of the Boy Scout Lake fishing pier at Lake Manawa St Park in Pottowattamie county on the 18th. In Fremont county at the Riverton area on the 18th there was a CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR.

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In the central in Marshall County, the WHITE-WINGED DOVE was still being seen in the town of LeGrand on the 17th. Look in the block east of the

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BLACK TERNS were evident throughout the state all week.

The next IOU field trip will be Sunday, June 1 at 1:00 pm to Union Slough, north of Algona in Kossuth County. Meet trip leader Matt Kenne (515-295-9620) at the refuge headquarters. For more information call Carolyn Fischer at 515-423-9909.

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The next 100 field trip will be Sunday, June 1 at 1:00 pm in Grand Staircase  
north of Alton in Kane County. Meet the leader Mark Berman (512 235  
9620) at the refuge headquarters. For more information call Canyon  
Recreation at 512 422 3909.

If you would like information about becoming a member of the Grand  
Staircase-Escalante National Monument, please contact the Grand Staircase-Escalante  
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number and message in the box. Thank you and good night.

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