

IOWA RBA: (319)338-9881 Update for 7/8/98 @ 9:30 PM

Birds Mentioned:

Red-necked Grebe  
Snow Goose  
Ruddy Duck  
Yellow-throated Warbler  
Common Moorhen  
Sandhill Crane  
Bell's Vireo

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. From the northwest in Dickinson County, an exciting report from Steve Fairbairn of a nest of RED-NECKED GREBES that has produced three young at the Jemerson Slough complex. From the gravel road along the north side of the complex, there is a parking lot toward the east end. Look for the birds on the first marsh to the west of this parking lot. In Buena Vista County, a lone SNOW GOOSE was in a flooded field at 100th Street and 440th Avenue on the 6th.

In the central in Story County, we have news that the RED-NECKED GREBE at the Colo Ponds has not been seen now since the 2nd. However, two RUDDY DUCKS were at Hendrickson Marsh on the 4th. In Boone County, a YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER was seen in the lower portion of the Ledges State Park on the 3rd.

In the northeast in Clinton County, 4 adult and 6 young COMMON MOORHENS were seen on the 5th from the dike at Goose Lake which is west of the town of Goose Lake, and SANDHILL CRANES were heard along hiway 136 just west of the town of Goose Lake. One source indicated that there have been up to 6 SANDHILLS in the Goose Lake area this year. In Winneshiek County on the 8th, 2 SANDHILL CRANES, 2 RUDDY DUCKS, and a BELL'S VIREO were at Cardinal Marsh.

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*Birds Mentioned:*

- Greater Yellowlegs
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Red-necked Grebe
- Little Blue Heron
- Prairie Warbler
- Sora
- Least Bittern
- Cattle Egret
- Blue Grosbeak
- Orchard Oriole
- Chuck-wills Widow
- Summer Tanager
- Piping Plover
- Least Tern
- Western Kingbird
- Northern Mockingbird
- Yellow-throated Warbler
- Common Loon
- Eurasian Tree Sparrow
- Great-tailed Grackle

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. We are sorry for any inconvenience to you when the Birdline was off during the three day power outage following the storm in Iowa City on the 29<sup>th</sup>. My computer is still not back online, so those of you who correspond with me in that manner, please be patient, or use the Birdline. Shorebirds have begun to appear back in the state as we have had several reports of YELLOWLEGS of both species from around the state. The week's highlights are RED-NECKED GREBE in the central, LITTLE BLUE HERON in the southwest, and PRAIRIE WARBLER in the southeast.



In the central, a RED-NECKED GREBE in basic plumage was last reported at the Colo Ponds in Story County on the 29<sup>th</sup>. From Colo, go east two and a half miles on county road E-41, and the bird was on the first or second pond on the south side of the road. SORAS were also seen there. In Polk County, a LEAST BITTERN was at Chatauqua W. A. on the pond east of the headquarters, and a CATTLE EGRET was at Meckley Prairie east of Polk City, both on the 29<sup>th</sup>. In Carroll County on the 5<sup>th</sup>, three BLUE GROSBEAKS were seen on utility wires along hiway 30 east of Carroll in the area where the hiway is torn up near the DOT shop.

In the southwest in Mills County on the 30<sup>th</sup>, a LITTLE BLUE HERON was a flyover at Folsom Lake, which is the lake by the rest area on the east side of I-29. In Fremont County on the 29<sup>th</sup>, three BLUE GROSBEAKS and three ORCHARD ORIOLES were in the Missouri River bottomland, while CHUCK-WILLS WIDOWS were heard at dusk at their traditional location in the loess hills. From hiway 2, take county road L-44 north and then follow the first gravel road east and start listening after a quarter mile. On the 30<sup>th</sup>, two SUMMER TANAGERS were at the picnic area at Waubonsie State Park, and two BLUE GROSBEAKS were north of Forney Lake. In Pottawattamie County at the south settling pond of the Mid American Energy Co. south of Council Bluffs, there were two adult and three young PIPING PLOVERS, two LEAST TERNS, and a WESTERN KINGBIRD on the 30<sup>th</sup>. In Adams County, two NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRDS were along a north-south gravel road between sections 22 and 23 of Union Township on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

In the southeast in Johnson County, the PRAIRIE

WARBLER was still at Lake MacBride State Park on the 5<sup>th</sup>, singing on the hillside south of the sailboat storage enclosure, and two YELLOW-THROATED WARBLERS were nearby, along the trail in the woods just north of the entrance to the Cottage Reserve Area. At the S & G Quarry along the Sand Road just south of Iowa City, the COMMON LOON in alternate plumage was still present on the 5<sup>th</sup>, and the EURASIAN TREE SPARROW continues to hang out around a nest box on the chain link fence which is just east of the south entrance to the Iowa City water treatment plant and youth soccer fields.

Although GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES are rather commonplace at wetland locations in the western two-thirds of the state, a report of two in Jackson County in the northeast is more unusual. They were found at Green Island W.A. on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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Reserve Area at the S & S Quarry along the Sand  
woods just north of the entrance to the Quarry  
Wetlands were mostly along the trail to the  
storage enclosure and the WETLANDS TRAIL  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> singling on the bridge south of the road  
WETLANDS was still at Iowa City, Iowa State

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