

IOWA RBA: (319)338-9881 Update for 5/27/98 at 10 PM

Birds Mentioned:

GLOSSY IBIS

Redhead

Sandhill Crane

Bell's Vireo

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. On the 27th in the northwest in Hancock County, a GLOSSY IBIS was carefully studied at Thorpe Park in Crystal Lake.

In the northeast in Winneshiek County, birds reported from Cardinal Marsh were three REDHEADS, two SANDHILL CRANES, and a singing BELL'S VIREO.

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 5/26/98 at 11 PM

Birds Mentioned:

Red-throated Loon
Barn Owl
Least Bittern
Wilson's Phalarope
Dunlin
Common Moorhen
Least Tern
Piping Plover

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In the southwest in Taylor County, two BARN OWLS have returned to Zelbert Freemyer's farm east of Bedford. Please make any arrangements for viewing with Zelbert by calling (712) 523-2680. In Fremont County, LEAST BITTERN, WILSON'S PHALAROPE, and DUNLIN were at the Riverton Area, and three COMMON MOORHENS were at Forney Lake. In Pottawattamie County, two LEAST TERNS and two PIPING PLOVER were at the south settling pond of the Mid American Energy Co. south of Council Bluffs.

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Birds Mentioned:

Mourning Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Alder Flycatcher
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Willow Flycatcher
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Mississippi Kite
Red-shouldered Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. Maybe the WARBLERS are still coming. On the 25th in the southeast at Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City, there were 15 WARBLER species, with MOURNING and BAY-BREASTED, as well as ALDER, WILLOW, and YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHERS.

In the northwest, eleven species of WARBLER, including MOURNING, were seen at Ida Grove in Sac County.

In the central in Marshall County at Grammer Grove Park near Liscomb, twelve WARBLER species with MOURNING and YELLOW-BELLIED, ALDER, and OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHERS were reported. In Boone County at Ledges State Park on the 24th, there were CONNECTICUT and MOURNING WARBLERS, a MISSISSIPPI KITE was in a snag near the walkin campground, and an immature RED-SHOULDERED HAWK and an adult BROAD-WINGED HAWK were soaring over the river.

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BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK

COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL

Plegadis Ibis (Sp.)

Snowy Egret

White-winged Crossbill

Mississippi Kite

Prairie Warbler

Marbled Godwit

Mourning Warbler

Golden-winged Warbler

Swainson's Hawk

Yellow-breasted Chat

Pileated Woodpecker

Hooded Warbler

Kentucky Warbler

Summer Tanager

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

Connecticut Warbler

Ruddy Turnstone

Dunlin

Least Bittern

Cattle Egret

Least Tern

Piping Plover

Wilson's Phalarope

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. Although the passerine migration has been bleak this spring, there were still some migrants present this past weekend. The week's attention-getters include BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK, COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL, PLEGADIS IBIS (Sp.), and SNOWY EGRET in the northwest, WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL and MISSISSIPPI KITE in the central, PRAIRIE WARBLER in the southeast, and MARBLED GODWIT in the southwest.

In the northwest, the adult BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK was still being seen at Tomahawk Marsh in Sac County at least through the 19th. Tomahawk Marsh is along county road M-68 about three miles north of Lake View, and the bird is being seen on the west side of the road, most recently around a small island by looking from the north. In Dickinson County, the Minnesota RBA reported that the BLACK-HEADED GULL was seen on the 20th at Grover's Lake, which is on the Minnesota-Iowa border a half mile east of where hiway 86 turns west. There were also PLEGADIS IBIS (Sp.) at that location. A SNOWY EGRET was on the goose pond just west of the Kettleson Hogsback headquarters, and MOURNING WARBLERS were found at the campground for Gull Point State Park and at Marble Lake, all on the 20th. In Pochahontas County, Ron Harms had two GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLERS in his yard at Laurens on the 24th. In Osceola County, the SWAINSON'S HAWK nest is still active. Take hiway 59 three and a half miles south of Allendorf, and then go

east on 200th Street for a half mile.

In the central in Polk County, after two weeks, the immature WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL finally tired of all the hospitality in Pam and Reid Allen's West Des Moines yard and departed the evening of the 21st. In Boone County at Ledges State Park, a MISSISSIPPI KITE was seen flying over the lower canyon, and a YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT was spotted 0.2 miles north of the north entrance on the 19th. The PILEATED WOODPECKER nest site at Ledges has been easy to view. It is in a large dead tree which is south of the road after the fourth stream crossing. Please look from a respectful distance. In Warren County, two singing HOODED WARBLERS have been in the southwest part of Lake Ahquabi State Park. One was about 100-150 yards south of where the Lake Trail and the trail from Camp Wesley Woods intersect, and the other bird was even farther south.

In the southeast, PRAIRIE WARBLERS have been found at two locations. In Henry County, one was at the Henry County Wildlife Area, which is reached from county road X-23 about a mile and a half north of Lowell, by going east on 312th Street for 1.1 miles, where you park and walk around the gate on the south side of the road. A KENTUCKY WARBLER was also spotted there. At Geode State Park, a pair of SUMMER TANAGERS is apparently nesting in the vicinity of Shelter#1. The other PRAIRIE WARBLER is in Johnson County at Lake MacBride State Park on the hillside south of the sailboat storage enclosure. On the 23rd, a RUDDY TURNSTONE was on the north end of the S & G Quarry along Sand Road south of Iowa City, ~~on the 23rd~~. On the 24th, a EURASIAN TREE SPARROW was near a nest box on the chainlink fence by the south entrance to the Iowa City sewage treatment plant and the youth soccer fields. At Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City, the ten WARBLER species still being seen on the 24th included MOURNING and CONNECTICUT. In Lee County, a YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT was seen at its traditional nesting location on the 19th, which is on the hillside south of Old Quarry Road, 3.3 miles upriver from the Augusta bridge on the Lee County side of the Skunk River, and a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was seen on the 21st along Belfast Road which runs along the Des Moines River between the Shimek state Forest and Croton. The bird was a quarter mile east of the Turkey Run Access.

In the southwest in Fremont County, some of the birds seen at the Riverton Area on the 22nd included MARBLED GODWIT, RUDDY TURNSTONE, and DUNLIN, while at Forney Lake there were LEAST BITTERN and CATTLE EGRET. In Pottawattamie County, LEAST TERN and PIPING PLOVER were observed at the south settling pond of the Mid American Energy Co. south of Council Bluffs on the 21st.

In the northeast in Linn County, a male HOODED WARBLER was sighted at Squaw Creek County Park near Marion on the 23rd. It was in the woods opposite parking area 23-3 for the picnic area. In Bremer County, the south part of Sweet Marsh has good mudflat habitat, and on the 22nd among the shorebirds were RUDDY TURNSTONE and WILSON'S PHALAROPE.

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Mississippi Kite
Western Grebe
Prairie Warbler
Red-throated Loon
American Avocet
Wilson's Phalarope
Veery
Red-shouldered Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Bell's Vireo
Hudsonian Godwit
Northern Mockingbird
Henslow's Sparrow
Common Loon
Cattle Egret
Sandhill Crane
Redhead
Barn Owl
Least Bittern
Dunlin
Common Moorhen
Chuck-wills Widow
Least Tern
Piping Plover

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In the northwest in Hancock County, an IBIS was carefully studied on the 27th at Thorp Park at Crystal Lake and determined to be a GLOSSY IBIS. In Kossuth County, 10 shorebird species were found at Maynard Reese WPA, which is west of Union Slough NWR on the 31st. They included AMERICAN AVOCET and WILSON'S PHALAROPE. In Cherokee County, two singing VEERYS were at Martin's Access on the Little Sioux River on the 31st.

In the central in Boone County, two MISSISSIPPI KITES, a RED-SHOULDERED HAWK, a BROAD-WINGED HAWK, and a BELL'S VIREO were in the lower part of Ledges State Park on the 30th. In Story County, a WESTERN GREBE was at Hendrickson Marsh, and a HUDSONIAN GODWIT was between Hendrickson Marsh and hiway 65, both on the 31st. In Hamilton County, two COMMON LOONS were lingering at Little Wall Lake on the 29th.

In the southeast in Johnson County, the PRAIRIE WARBLER was still singing at Lake MacBride State Park on the 31st on the hillside south of the sailboat storage enclosure. A NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was located in Appanoose County on the 28th. From Centerville, go east one mile on hiway 2, then south 4.6 miles on 230th Avenue, and then east 2.1 miles on 516th Street, where the bird was seen on the north side of the road. Also, a HENSLOW'S SPARROW was south of that location a half mile on 250th, and then a half mile on 570th. At Lake Rathbun, another late COMMON LOON was in the area of the dam, and a CATTLE EGRET was on the peninsula there.

In the northeast, the RED-THROATED LOON at Pleasant Creek Recreation Area in Linn County has not been reported since the 25th. In Winneshiek County, two SANDHILL CRANES, three REDHEADS, and a BELL'S VIREO were at Cardinal Marsh on the 27th.

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