

IOWA RBA: Update for 5/5/98 at 9:30 PM

Birds Mentioned:

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK

American Bittern

Black-crowned Night Heron

~~EARLY CUCKOO~~

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. On the 5th in an update from the northwest in Sac County, the BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK was seen once again at Tomahawk Marsh along M-68, 3 miles north of Lake View. From the west side of M-68, the bird was seen along the north shoreline of the marsh by looking to the northwest. There were also at least 3 AMERICAN BITTERNS and a BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON there.

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ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup>  
IN THE CENTRAL, IN TAMIA CO, THE NEOTROPIC CORMORANT WAS NOT SEEN AT OTTER LAKE MARSH. THERE WERE AMER BITTERNS THERE, HOWEVER. IN MADISON CO, 12 WARBLER SPECIES INCLUDING GOLDEN WINGED WERE AT GRAMMER GROVE PARK NEAR USLOMS. IN THE SE IN VAN BUREN CO, 2 SUMMER TROGLODITES WERE SEEN AT THE CAMPGROUND AT LACEY-KEOSAUQUON STATE PARK IN JOHNSON CO, AMBI + BCUN WERE @ THE HAWKEYE WAD. ALONG CARPENTERS AVE N. OF THE SWAN C RUND

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ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup>  
IN THE SE IN VAN BUREN CO, 17 WARBLER SPECIES WERE SEEN AT LACEY-KEOSAUQUON S.P. - ALSO 2 SWTN AT THE CAMPGROUND THERE. IN LEE CO, A WHITE-EYED VIREO WAS AT THE TOP OF THE HILL BETWEEN THE PARKING LOT & THE LACTOS UNIT ON SHIMMER LFT THE JOHNSON RD, AND THE YB CHAT WAS BACK ON THE HILLSIDE 3-6 MILES NW OF AUGUSTA ON THE LEE CO. SIDE OF THE SKUNK RIVER

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IN THE SE IN JOHNSON CO AT  
L. MACBRIDE S.P. THE PRAIRIE WARBLER WAS  
BACK SINGING ON THE HILLSIDE SOUTH OF THE  
SAILBOAT STORAGE ENCLOSURE, AND AT THE ENTRANCE TO  
THE COTTAGE RESERVE AREA, 4TWA + CEWA WERE SEEN  
IN THE CENTRAL IN DOCK CO, WEEKS HAVE RETURNED  
TO THE STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS AND THE WICKER  
WAS STILL IN PAINT REID AICE'S YARD IN WIDMAR

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881: Update for 5/4/98 @8:30 PM

Birds Mentioned:

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT

Snowy Egret

Sanderling

Virginia Rail

Kentucky Warbler

Whippoorwill

Sedge Wren

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. In news from the 4th, in the central in Tama County, a NEOTROPIC CORMORANT was discovered by Mark Proescholdt at Otter Creek Marsh west of the red barn. To reach this area, from county road E-66 west of Chelsea near the headquarters, take the east entrance road south, follow it as it curves west and the red barn is at the end of the road where there is a chain across it. In the southeast in Des Moines County, a SNOWY EGRET, SANDERLING, and VIRGINIA RAIL were at the Casey-Barrow Mississippi River Access about ten miles north of Burlington, and in Lee County on the 3rd, a KENTUCKY WARBLER was at the Croton unit of Shimek State Forest. We also have had reports of WHIPPOORWILL and SEDGE WREN back in the state.

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 for 5/4/98

Birds Mentioned:

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK  
BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE  
BLACK-NECKED STILT  
Snowy Egret  
White-winged Crossbill  
Common Black-headed Gull (Gone?)  
Sprague's Pipit (Gone)  
Willet  
American Avocet  
Wilson's Phalarope  
Great-tailed Grackle  
Northern Mockingbird  
Cattle Egret  
Trumpeter Swan  
Black-bellied Plover  
Cerulean Warbler  
Blue-winged Warbler  
Upland Sandpiper  
Eurasian Tree Sparrow  
Sandhill Crane  
American Bittern  
Yellow-throated Warbler  
Louisiana Waterthrush  
Virginia Rail  
Least Bittern  
Black-crowned Night Heron  
Greater Prairie Chicken  
Common Moorhen  
Ross's Goose  
Hudsonian Godwit  
Peregrine Falcon  
Long-billed Dowitcher  
Greater White-fronted Goose  
Eared Grebe

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. The lack of a south wind for over a week has really dried up the incoming migrants, and it appears that warblers and other passerines are now behind schedule. The week's highlight species are BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK and BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE in the northwest, BLACK-NECKED STILT in the southeast, and SNOWY EGRET and WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL in the central. We have had no sightings reported since the 22nd of either the BLACK-HEADED GULL in Dickinson County, or the SPRAGUE'S PIPIT in Cerro Gordo County.

In the northwest in Sac County, Pete Ernzen relocated the BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK late in the day on the 3rd at Tomahawk Marsh, which is along county road M-68 about three miles north of Lake View. The bird was found by

THIS WEEKEND

~~(\*) THE TOLL SPRING MEETING WILL BE HELD MAY 15-17 IN AMES. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL MARK ZOLATTEL AT (515) 382-5427.~~

(2) IN NEWS RECEIVED THE 11<sup>TH</sup> IN THE CENTRAL IN STORY CO, 4 RBME WERE STILL AT HALLET QUINN AT THE N. EDGE OF RIMS AND AN AMBI WAS AT HENDERICKSON MARSH, BOTH ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 18 AMERICAN PILOTS WERE AT THE COLD POND ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup>.

~~(\*) ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> IN AN UPDATE, THE WUNGR WAS STILL IN THE YARD OF PAINT REID ALLEN IN W. DAI~~

(2) ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> IN THE CENTRAL IN BOONE CO, A WUNGR WAS AT DICKGISEL MARSH WHICH IS @ THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAYS 17 + 20, AND A DEER WAS SEEN AT THE 9 CAMP N + W OF BOONE

(1) ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> IN AN UPDATE, THE WUNGR WAS STILL IN THE YARD OF PAINT REID ALLEN IN W. DAI AND <sup>THE SE IN</sup> IN JOHNSON COUNTY, THE PRISA WAS STILL @ L. MALBRIDGE SQ., BUT WAS SEEN EAST OF THE ROAD TO THE SAILBOAT STORAGE AREA. ~~THE~~ IN BENTON COUNTY 7 CAEC WERE IN A FIELD A MILE AND A HALF WEST OF LUZERNE.



IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 for 5/11/98

Birds Mentioned:

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK  
BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE  
NEOTROPIC CORMORANT  
White-winged Crossbill  
EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE  
Prairie Warbler  
Snowy Egret  
Western Grebe  
Black-crowned Night Heron  
American Bittern  
Eared Grebe  
Virginia Rail  
Western Kingbird  
Willet  
Long-billed Dowitcher  
Yellow-throated Warbler  
Cerulean Warbler  
Sanderling  
Dunlin  
Ruddy Shelduck (Exotic)  
Kentucky Warbler  
Louisiana Waterthrush  
Summer Tanager  
Henslow's Sparrow  
White-eyed Vireo  
Yellow-breasted Chat  
Red-breasted Nuthatch  
Common Loon

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In the northwest in Sac County, Pete Ernzen relocated the BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK on the 3rd at Tomahawk Marsh, which is along county road M-68 about 3 miles north of Lake View, and it was seen virtually every day last week including the 10th, from the west side of M-68 by looking to the northwest along the north side of the marsh. Also present at Tomahawk last week were BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON, AMERICAN BITTERN, and EARED GREBE. Although there were no reports since the 30th of the BLACK-BILLED MAGPIES, we would presume that they were still present at the Plymouth County location where they nested last year. From Westfield go south about 2 miles on hiway 12, then go east on 234th Street 1.4 miles and look on the hillside to the north.

In the central in Tama County, the NEOTROPIC CORMORANT discovered on the 4th

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by Mark Proescholdt at Otter Creek Marsh was reported again on the 8th. From county road E-66 west of Chelsea, near the headquarters, go south on the east entrance road and follow the road where it curves west to end by the red barn, at which point there is a chain across it. The bird has been seen to the west of the red barn.

Also seen at Otter Creek last week were AMERICAN BITTERN and VIRGINIA RAIL. In Polk County, Pam and Reid Allen have had a WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL in their West Des Moines yard since the 2nd. In Poweshiek County, two EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES were seen along 16th Avenue at the north edge of the Grinnell country club golf course. In Hardin County, a WILLET and LONG-BILLED DOWITCHERS were at the gravel pit which is along highway 175 a mile west of Hubbard on the 6th.

In the southeast in Johnson County, the PRAIRIE WARBLER was back at Lake MacBride State Park for the 4th straight year on the 10th, singing on the hillside south of the sailboat storage enclosure. Also at Lake MacBride, YELLOW-THROATED and CERULEAN WARBLERS were observed at the entrance to the cottage reserve area on the 9th. At the Hawkeye Wildlife Area, an AMERICAN BITTERN was along Greencastle Avenue north of the Swan Lake Road on the 9th. In Des Moines County at the Casey-Barrow Mississippi River Access about ten miles north of Burlington, a SNOWY EGRET, SANDERLING, and VIRGINIA RAIL were spotted on the 4th, and BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON and DUNLIN were present on the 5th. The exotic of the week is a RUDDY SHELDUCK at the water treatment plant along highway 99 north of Burlington the past 3 days. In Van Buren County at Lacey-Keosauqua State Park, 17 species of warbler were spotted, including YELLOW-THROATED, CERULEAN, KENTUCKY, and LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH, and two SUMMER TANAGERS were at the campground there on the 7th. HENSLOW'S SPARROWS were in their traditional nesting field near Lacey on the 7th. Go out the south entrance road of the park and at the 4-way stop turn right and proceed for 1.4 miles where the sparrow field is on the left. In Lee County, a WHITE-EYED VIREO was found on top of the hill along the road between the parking lot for the Croton unit of Shimek State Forest and the junkyard, and a YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT had returned to its traditional location on a hillside along Quarry Road, 3.7 miles northwest of Augusta on the Lee County side of the Skunk River, both on the 7th. In Muscatine County, a RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH was at the Swamp White Oak Preserve on the 9th.

In the northeast in Linn County, a WESTERN GREBE and two lingering COMMON LOONS were at Pleasant Creek Recreation Area north of Palo on the 9th.

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