

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 5/21/98 at 10:30 PM

Birds Mentioned:

Least Tern
Piping Plover
Western Kingbird
Blue Grosbeak
Summer Tanager
Chuck-wills Widow
Hooded Warbler
Pileated Woodpecker

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. On the 21st in the southwest in Pottawattamie County both LEAST TERN and PIPING PLOVER were seen at the south settling pond of the Mid American Energy Co. south of Council Bluffs, and a BLUE GROSBEAK was along the road to the south. On the 18th, a WESTERN KINGBIRD was just east of this location. In Fremont County at Waubonsie State Park, SUMMER TANAGERS were at the main overlook and near the restroom at the upper picnic area. CHUCK-WILLS WIDOWS were heard in their traditional Loess Hill location on the 18th. This area is reached by going north from hiway 2 on county road L-44 to the first gravel to the north. Start listening after the first quarter mile. A BLUE GROSBEAK was seen just south of Bartlett on the 18th.

In the central in Warren County, two singing male HOODED WARBLERS have been located at Lake Ahquabi State Park. One has been 100-150 yards south of where the Lake Trail and the trail from Camp Wesley Woods intersect, and the other has been even farther south. In Boone County, the PILEATED WOODPECKER nest site at Ledges State Park has been easy to view. It is in the lower canyon in a large dead tree to the south of the road after the 4th creek crossing. Please look from a respectful distance.

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IN NEWS FROM THE 23RD SOME OF IT BELATED
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IOWA RBA: Update for 5/20/98 at 10:30 PM

Birds Mentioned:

Snowy Egret

Mourning Warbler

Northern Mockingbird

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. On the 20th from the northwest in Dickinson County, a SNOWY EGRET was on the goose pond just west of the headquarters at the Kettleston Hogsback Area, and MOURNING WARBLERS were found at the campground of Gull Point State Park, and at Marble Lake.

In the southeast in Lee County, a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was seen along Belfast Road which runs along the Des Moines River between Shimek State Forest and Croton. The bird was a quarter mile east of the Turkey Run Access.

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IOWA RBA Update for 5/19/98 at 10 PM

On the 19th in the southeast in Henry County, a PRAIRIE WARBLER was found at the Henry County Wildlife Area. From county road X-23 about one and a half miles north of Lowell, go east on 312th Street for 1.1 miles, park and walk around the gate on the south side of the road. There were also KENTUCKY and BLUE-WINGEDWARBLERS at that location. At Geode State Park, a pair of SUMMER TANAGERS is nesting around Shelter #1. A YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT was seen at its traditional nesting location in Lee County, on the hillside south of Old Quarry Road, about 3.3 miles upriver from the bridge at Augusta on the Lee County side of the Skunk River. In Johnson County, two AMERICAN BITTERNs were seen at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area along Greencastle Avenue north of the Swan Lake Road.

In the central in Boone County at the Ledges State Park, a MISSISSIPPI KITE was observed flying over the lower canyon, and a YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT was seen 0.2 miles north of the north entrance.

In the northwest in Sac County, the BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK was still at Tomahawk Marsh, this time seen around the small island west of the road. The SWAINSON'S HAWK nest in Osceola County is still active. Go south of Allendorf three and a half miles on hiway 59, and then east a half mile on 200th Street. In Dickinson County, a large flock of AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER numbering 700 was at the Spring Run Wildlife Area.

IOWA RBA UPDATE for 5/18/98 at 10:30 PM

Birds Mentioned:

White-winged Crossbill

Common Moorhen

Cattle Egret

Least Tern

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