

ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD ALONG THE

going west on the gravel road at the north edge of the marsh, and near the first curve sign, looking to the south. In Plymouth County, a pair of BLACK-BILLED MAGPIES was seen on the 30th at the same location this species nested last year. From Westfield, go south two miles on hiway 12, and then take 234th Street east for 1.4 miles, and look on the hillside to the north. In Woodbury County, 17 WILLETS were along the Port Neal Road on the 30th. In Dickinson County, two AMERICAN AVOCETS and WILSON'S PHALAROPES were at the Kettleton Waterfowl Production Area just west of West Okoboji Lake, and two GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES were at the Spring Run wetland, both on the 30th. In Winnebago County, a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was sighted at Myre Slough west of Forest City on the 1st. In Cerro Gordo County, there were 16 WILLETS at Zirbel Slough on the 30th.

In the southeast in Louisa County, a BLACK-NECKED STILT was discovered on the 1st in the Horseshoe Bend Area near the town of Oakville, but subsequent searching failed to relocate the bird. A CATTLE EGRET was along the west side of Cone Marsh on the 29th, and we have news that the DNR plans to release six TRUMPETER SWANS at Cone Marsh on May 5th. Seven more CATTLE EGRETS were in Muscatine County on the 28th along county road G-14, one mile west of hiway 61. In Des Moines County, 40 AMERICAN AVOCETS and a BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER were seen on the 28th, and a dozen CATTLE EGRETS were present on the 3rd at Casey-Barrow Mississippi River Access about ten miles north of Burlington. In Lee County, CERULEAN WARBLER and BLUE-WINGED WARBLER had returned to the Croton unit of Shimek State Forest on the 30th. In Iowa County, UPLAND SANDPIPERS were found at two Amana Society locations last week: about a half mile south of Bill Zuber's Restaurant at Homestead, and 3 miles west and a half mile south of Homestead. In Johnson County, a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was at the 5th hole of the Quail Creek Golf Course near North Liberty on the 28th, and a EURASIAN TREE SPARROW was seen at the Iowa City sewage treatment plant south of town on the 3rd.

In the central in Polk County, Pam and Reid Allen have had a WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL in their West Des Moines yard on the 2nd and 3rd. Two SANDHILL CRANES were at Carney Marsh between Ankeny and Des Moines on the 28th. At the Saylorville Reservoir, an AMERICAN BITTERN was on a small pond along the road to the beach of the Sandpiper Recreation Area on the 3rd. In Dallas County on the 3rd, a SNOWY EGRET was in the Raccoon River, as seen from county road F-90 about a quarter mile west of the Booneville junction. In Boone County, an AMERICAN BITTERN and six GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES were at Harrier Marsh south of Ogden on the 3rd, and YELLOW-THROATED WARBLERS and LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSHES were at the Ledges State Park on the 3rd. In Tama County, a VIRGINIA RAIL and GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES were near the east end of the north dike at Otter Creek Marsh on the 2nd. In Hamilton County at Bjorkaboda Marsh, birds present on the 3rd were LEAST BITTERN, GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES, WILLET, VIRGINIA RAIL, and BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS.

In the southwest in Ringgold County, a GREATER PRAIRIE CHICKEN was seen on the 3rd two miles west and a quarter mile north of Kellerton on the east side of the road, and a LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH was at the Ringgold Wildlife Area on the 3rd. A large number of good birds was found in Fremont County on the 30th: at Forney Lake there were several AMERICAN BITTERNS, a SANDHILL CRANE, two BLACK-

CROWNED NIGHT HERONS, a COMMON MOORHEN, and 7 AMERICAN AVOCETS. At the Riverton Area there were 16 HUDSONIAN GODWITS, a ROSS'S GOOSE, two PEREGRINE FALCONS, 50 LONG-BILLED DOWITCHERS, 2 WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, and an EARED GREBE.

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