

ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> IN THE CENTRAL, A WHITE-FACED IBIS WAS  
AT THE HALLETT QUARRY ALONG HIGHWAY 69 AT THE NORTH EDGE OF AMES. IT WAS  
ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH POND.

IN THE NORTHWEST IN SAC COUNTY, A SNOWY EGRET WAS  
IN AN INLET OF BLACK HAWK LAKE ALONG THE SOUTH SHORE  
A HALF MILE WEST OF THE BRIDGE POND. A RED-NECKED PHALAROPUS WAS  
ON A POND A  
HALF MILE NORTH OF HIGHWAY 71 AT LAKE VIEW. 41  
WILSON'S PHALAROPUS WERE AT TOMAHAWK MARSH 2 MILES  
NORTH OF LAKE VIEW AND IN CARROLL COUNTY AT SWAN  
LAKE A CATTLE EGRET WAS IN THE GOOSE PEN AND 7  
EARED GREBES WERE ON THE LAKE.

IN THE SOUTHWEST IN IOWA COUNTY, 3 EARED GREBES  
WERE AT THE LILY LAKE AT AMANA.

IN THE NORTHEAST IN LINN COUNTY, EARED AND NOSEED  
GREBES WERE ON THE LAKE AND A COMMON TEAL WAS  
ON THE BEACH AT PLEASANT CREEK RECREATION AREA  
NORTH OF PALO.

AND ~~ON~~ IN ADDITION ON THE 26TH  
THERE WERE DUNLIN AND SANDERLING

ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> IN THE SOUTHEAST IN JOHNSON COUNTY,  
THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF SHOREBIRDS IN THE HAWKEYE  
WILDLIFE AREA OFF SAND POINT, INCLUDING AN  
AMERICAN AVOYET, A PINK PLOVER, AND SOUTHERN LODESKY,  
AND WILSON'S PHALAROPE. THERE WERE ALSO 12 WILGETS  
ALONG GREENCASTLE AVENUE NORTH OF THE SWAN LAKE  
ROAD. SAND POINT IS REACHED BY DRIVING NORTH  
FROM THE EAST END OF SWAN LAKE TO A PARKING LOT,  
AND THEN WALKING NORTH, <sup>PAST THE CABLE</sup> ALONG THE ROAD FOR 20  
MINUTES. IN THE CENTRAL IN POLK COUNTY, THERE  
WERE 3 SNOWY EGRETS IN THE MOSQUITO CREEK AREA  
OF THE SAYLORVILLE RESERVOIR, AND A SPOTTED TOWHEE  
WAS IN THE YARD OF PAUL AND REID RULIN AT 1601  
PLEASANT STREET, WEST DES MOINES. YOU CAN LOOK  
THROUGH THEIR YARD, BUT DO NOT CALL THEM WIER.  
IN THE NORTHWEST IN HAMILTON COUNTY WILGETS,  
DUNLIN, AND WILSON'S PHALAROPE WERE AT THE NORTH  
END OF UNION LAKE NEAR AND IN CERRA GORDO  
COUNTY, A CATTLE EGRET WAS SCOTTS COUNTY ROAD 57  
JUST NORTH OF VESTURA.

AND IN IOWA COUNTY AT ANAMA  
A PAIR OF WHITE-WINGED SCOTTS  
5 BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS WERE  
AT THE LILY LAKE

ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> IN THE SOUTHEAST IN JOHNSON COUNTY, A  
SNOWY EGRET WAS AT SWAN LAKE ~~AND~~ IN THE CENTRAL  
INTAMA COUNTY, AN AMERICAN BITTERN WAS FOUND AT  
OTTER CREEK MARSH NEAR THE EAST END OF THE NORTH DIKE,  
AND THERE WERE 9 EARED GREBS AND A COMMON  
LOON IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE EAST OF THE BOAT  
RAMP AT UNION GROVE STATE PARK

(3) ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> IN THE NORTHWEST, THE SNOWY EGRET WAS STILL BEING SEEN AT DECORAH. IN THE NORTHWEST IN SAC COUNTY, THE LITTLE GULL WAS STILL PRESENT WITH A SMALL FLOCK OF BONAPARTE'S AND RING-BILLED GULLS ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF BLACKHAWK LAKE. IN THE CENTRAL IN GUTHRIE COUNTY, A CINNAMON TEAL WAS AT BAY'S BRANCH ON THE LAKE NEAR THE GOOSE POND, AND GREAT-TRILED GRACKLES WERE SEEN AT BOB LAMIN SLough AND LONG'S POND. IN POLK COUNTY, A MARBLED GODWIT WAS STILL AT THE NORTH END OF BIG CREEK LAKE AND IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, A HUDSONIAN GODWIT WAS STILL AT THE NORTH END OF ROCK CREEK LAKE.

(2) ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> IN THE NORTHWEST IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY, 4 AMERICAN AVOCETS WERE AT CARDINAL MARSH. IN THE SOUTHWEST IN JOHNSON COUNTY, ~~THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF SHOEBIRDS OFF THE SAND POINT AREA OF THE HAWKEYE WILDLIFE AREA, WITH HUDSONIAN GODWIT & WILSON'S PHALAROPES AND THE YELLOWTHROATED WARBLERS HAVE RETURNED TO THE COTTAGE RESERVE AREA ENTRANCE AT LAKE MACBRIDE S.P.~~

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BIRDS MENTIONED:

American White Pelican

LITTLE GULL

Marbled Godwit

Red-throated Loon

Snowy Egret

Little Blue Heron

FISH CROW

Bonaparte's Gull

American Avocet

Wilson's Phalarope

Hudsonian Godwit

Long-billed Dowitcher

Sandhill Crane

Great-tailed Grackle

Peregrine Falcon

Black-crowned Night Heron

Cinnamon Teal

Northern Parula

Yellow-throated Warbler

Louisiana Waterthrush

Eared Grebe

Dunlin

Stilt Sandpiper

Migration is really in full swing, with shorebirds, wading birds, sparrows, swallows, and early warblers all newly arriving daily. Judging from reports, large groups of WHITE PELICANS seem to be on most water areas in the state. The week's highlights are LITTLE GULL, MARBLED GODWIT, and RED-THROATED LOON in northwest Iowa, SNOWY EGRET in the northeast, MARBLED GODWIT and LITTLE BLUE HERON in central Iowa, and FISH CROW near Burlington.

In the northwest in Sac County, Pete Ernzen discovered <sup>AN ADULT</sup> a LITTLE GULL at Black Hawk Lake at Lake View on the 21st. The bird was with BONAPARTE'S GULLS at the southeast corner of the lake. There were also three MARBLED GODWITS on the spoil pond across the road from where the gull was seen. In Sioux County, John Van Dyk found a RED-THROATED LOON and six AMERICAN AVOCETS at a gravel pit along hiway 75 just north of hiway 10 on the 19th. The loon stayed only briefly, departing while John was watching it. In Kossuth County, Matt Kenne reports that the north end of Union Slough NWR, as viewed from county road A-40, is being managed for shorebirds this spring, and on the 18th there were 1500 birds of 12 species there, including WILSON'S PHALAROPE and HUDSONIAN GODWIT. In Cerro Gordo County, HUDSONIAN GODWIT and WILSON'S PHALAROPE were at Zirbel Slough on the 19th.

In the northeast at Decorah, an adult SNOWY EGRET was on the Upper Iowa River <sup>ABOVE</sup> near the 5th Street bridge on the <sup>WEST SIDE OF TOWN.</sup> 20th only.

In the central in Guthrie County, good shorebird habitat is present at Bay's Branch, and on the 20th, there were two MARBLED GODWITS, 12 HUDSONIAN GODWITS, WILSON'S PHALAROPE, and LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER there. At Long's Pond, GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES were spotted at the north end on the 20th. In Tama County at Otter Creek Marsh, an immature LITTLE BLUE HERON was near the east end of the north dike on the 20th, SANDHILL CRANES and GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES were seen there on the 18th and 20th, and a PEREGRINE FALCON was observed chasing a GREEN-WINGED TEAL there on the 18th. In Polk County on the 20th, there were five AMERICAN AVOCETS off Jester Park, four HUDSONIAN GODWITS at the Polk City Wildlife Area, and a MARBLED GODWIT at the north end of Big Creek Lake. In Hamilton County, two BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS were seen at Anderson Lake, east of Jewell, on the 20th. In Boone County, at ponds along hiway 169 south of Ogden, WILSON'S PHALAROPES, and a hybrid TEAL, apparently part CINNAMON, were seen on the 20th. In Jasper County, an HUDSONIAN GODWIT was at the north end of Rock Creek Lake on the 19th.

In the southeast in Des Moines County, a FISH CROW was heard and seen in the Sullivan Slough area south of Burlington on the 21st, and at Starr's Cave Preserve just north of Burlington, there were NORTHERN PARULA, YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER, and LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH on the 21st. In Iowa County, an EARED GREBE was on the Lily Lake along hiway 220 between Main and Middle Amana on the 20th. In Louisa County, good shorebird habitat exists at Cone Marsh, and on the 19th, the eleven species there included DUNLIN, WILSON'S PHALAROPE, STILT SANDPIPER, and LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER.

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