

~~IN AN UPDATE FROM TARRANT COUNTY, THE
YELOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON WAS SPOT AT THE
GREENCASTLE RESERVE LOCATION
IN DEK MOINES COUNTY, 2 YCMN WERE SEEN
SOUTH OF BURLINGTON WHERE SALVAMAN SLOUGH ROAD
ENDS IN MISSISSIPPI FLOOD WATERS~~

(7) A NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD WAS AT THE INTERSECTION
OF T AVENUE AND 169TH STREET WHICH IS 2 1/2
MILES WEST OF HOMESTEAD, ^{ON HIGHWAY 6} AND THEN SOUTH ON T.

IN THE NORTHEAST IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY, 2 SNOWY
EGRES HAVE BEEN AT CARDINAL MARSH SINCE THE 27TH
IN DUBUQUE, PEG NAUMAN REPORTS A SUMMER
TAVIALGA AT HER FEEDER THE PAST 3 EVENINGS
SHE LIVES AT 2722 SHADY LAKE.

IN THE NORTHWEST IN KOSCIUSKO COUNTY AT UNION
SLOUGH NWK SHORELINES AT THE NORTH END INCLUDES
MARBLED AND NADSONIAN GOONIT STILT SANDPIPER,
AND DUNLIN, ^{TWO SNOWY EGRES WERE} AND A SOUTH OF COUNTY ROAD B-14 IN
THE SOUTH PART OF THE RESERVE

(1) ON THE 2ND IN THE SOUTHEAST IN LEE COUNTY, THE
BEWICK'S WREN AT THE JUNKYARD WAS HEARD BRIEFLY, BUT
NEVER SEEN. HOWEVER, ANOTHER BEWICK'S WREN WAS
FOUND A COUPLE OF MILES AWAY. HERE ARE DIRECTIONS:
FROM THE STOP SIGN IN THE VILLAGE OF RAYLE, GO
WEST 2 MILES TO A Y, WHERE YOU TAKE THE RIGHT
FORK WHICH IS BELFAST ROAD. THE JUNKYARD IS FOUND
AFTER 0.3 MILES AND LOOK FOR THE WREN ON THE EAST
SIDE OF THE ROAD ^{A GOEA WAS SEEN FLYING OVER THIS AREA ON THE 2ND} TO FIND THE OTHER LOCATION CONTINUE
ON BELFAST TO 150TH WHERE YOU GO RIGHT AND
GO TO THE SECOND HOUSE ON THE LEFT WHERE THE MAILBOX
SAYS READS FARRELL. FROM THE ROAD LOOK AROUND THE OUTBUILDINGS
TO THE WEST OF THE HOUSE.

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ON THE 29TH

IN THE SOUTHEAST, - IN LEE AND VAN BUREN COUNTIES,
 8 SPECIES OF WRABLERS AND TWO SPECIES OF VIREOS
 WERE SEEN AT THE CROTON UNIT OF SUMNER STATE FOREST
 AND LACEY-KEOSAUQUA STATE PARK. HIGHLIGHTS WERE
 A HOODED WARBLER AT THE CROTON UNIT, AND
 NEWKOW'S SPARROWS IN THE ^{were} ^{USUAL} FIELD SOUTH OF LACEY
 KEOSAUQUA. ~~A BECKER'S WREN WAS IN THE~~
~~JUNKYARD ^{ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE ROAD} ^{ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE ROAD} ABOUT A MILE NORTH OF THE ENTRANCE~~
~~TO THE CROTON UNIT.~~

IN THE CENTRAL IN BOONE COUNTY, 2 ^{LEE} TAGGED
 TRUMPETER SWANS AND A GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE WERE
 ON THE FIRST POND WEST OF THE OVERPASS AT
 THE RAPID EXIT ON HIGHWAY 30, SEVEN MILES
 WEST OF ARKES

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ON THE 1ST IN THE SOUTHWEST, IN VAN BUREN COUNTY, 2
 RUDDY TURNSTONES WERE AT LAKE SUGEMA NEAR LACEY-
 KEOSAUQUA STATE PARK. THEY WERE NEAR THE BOAT RAMP
 WITH THE HANDICAPPED PIER. IN JOHNSON COUNTY, ^{AT THE HANDICAPPED}
~~ADULT YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON WAS~~ ^{OUTSIDE} ON THE EASTSIDE
~~OF GREENCASTLE AVENUE NORTH OF THE SEVEN LAKE ROAD~~
~~JUST BEYOND A SIGN "FLOOD AREA AHEAD".~~ ^{AROUND THE} ^{SPECIAL BIRD}
 N + W OF SAND POINT, THERE WERE AMERICAN AVOUCET, MARSHES
 AND HUDSONIAN COWBIRD, AND WILLET. IN LOUISA COUNTY,
 2 SANDHIC CRANES WERE AT CAVE MARSH. IN JOHNSON COUNTY,
 ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE AMANA LILY LAKE, THERE
 WERE WILLETS, STRIP SANDPIPES, AND LONG-BILLED DOVITCHES

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BIRDS MENTIONED:

White-faced Ibis
Little Blue Heron
Piping Plover
Marbled Godwit
Snowy Egret
Red-necked Phalarope
White-winged Scoter
Little Gull
Northern Mockingbird
Sandhill Crane
Willet
White-rumped Sandpiper
Peregrine Falcon
Hudsonian Godwit
Spotted Towhee
Cattle Egret
Great-tailed Grackle
American Bittern
Marsh Wren
Sedge Wren
Rusty Blackbird
Long-billed Dowitcher
Eared Grebe
Wilson's Phalarope
American Avocet
Black-bellied Plover
American Golden Plover
Short-billed Dowitcher
Sanderling
Dunlin
Horned Grebe
Black-crowned Night Heron
Upland Sandpiper
Louisiana Waterthrush
Yellow-throated Warbler
Northern Parula

Most of the week's migrants have been shorebirds, wading birds, and sparrows. Although a few early passerines have appeared, the land bird migration is generally late. The week's best birds are WHITE-FACED IBIS, LITTLE BLUE HERON, PIPING PLOVER, and MARBLED GODWIT in the central part of the state, SNOWY EGRET and RED-NECKED PHALAROPE in the northwest, and MARBLED GODWIT, WHITE-WINGED SCOTER, PIPING PLOVER, and SNOWY EGRET in southeast Iowa. The LITTLE GULL at Black Hawk Lake in Sac County, has not been seen now since the 22nd.

In the central in Story County, a WHITE-FACED IBIS made a brief appearance on the 26th at the Hallett Quarry at the north edge of Ames. In Jasper County, an adult

In CLAY COUNTY A WILLET WAS AT TRUMBULL LAKE ON THE 28TH AND AN AVOCET WAS THERE ON THE 24TH. AMERICAN BITTERN AND GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE AT THE DU MARSH. WHILE THE GRACKLES WERE ALSO AT DAN GELTIVE SLUGH ON THE 28TH. A SAND HILL CRANE WAS SEEN FLYING OVER THE LITTLE ROCK RIVER ON THE 28TH. IN DICKINSON COUNTY AN AMERICAN BITTERN WAS AT SPILING RVD ON THE 27TH

LITTLE BLUE HERON was at the west end of Rock Creek Lake on the 28th, while in Poweshiek County, another LITTLE BLUE HERON, along with a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD, were at the north end of Diamond Lake on the 25th. In Polk County, a SANDHILL CRANE was west of the beach buildings at Big Creek State Park, two MARBLED GODWITS were at the Polk City WA, and two WILLETS were off campground area 4 at Jester Park, all on the 27th. On the 24th, two WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPERS were at Polk City WA, and five WILLETS, a MARBLED GODWIT, and two PEREGRINE FALCONS were off Jester Park. At the Cottonwood Area of the Saylorville Reservoir, six HUDSONIAN GODWITS were seen on the 26th. On the 24th, three SNOWY EGRETS were in the Mosquito Creek area of the Saylorville Reservoir, and a SPOTTED TOWHEE was in a West Des Moines yard. In Greene County, birds seen at Dunbar Slough on the 28th included PIPING PLOVER, CATTLE EGRET, PEREGRINE FALCON, and GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE. In Tama County, sightings at Otter Creek Marsh on the 28th included three SANDHILL CRANES, an AMERICAN BITTERN, near the east end of the north dike, MARSH and SEDGE WRENS, RUSTY BLACKBIRDS, and LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER. At Union Grove State Park, nine EARED GREBES were spotted on the 25th.

In the northwest in Sac County, the SNOWY EGRET discovered on the 26th at Black Hawk Lake, was still there on the 28th. The location is an inlet along the south shore, a half mile west of the drege pond. North of hiway 71 at Lake View a half mile, a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE was on a pond on the 26th, while at Tomahawk Marsh, two miles north of Lake View, there were 41 WILSON'S PHALAROPES on the 26th. In Carroll County at Swan Lake on the 26th, a CATTLE EGRET was in the goose pen, and seven EARED GREBES were on the lake.

In the southeast in Johnson County, there are thousands of shorebirds at the Sand Point area of the Hawkeye Wildlife Area. On the 28th, 18 species were recorded, including AMERICAN AVOCET, WILLET, HUDSONIAN and MARBLED GODWITS, both DOWITCHER species, BLACK-BELLIED and AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVERS, SANDERLING, and DUNLIN, while on the 26th a PIPING PLOVER was seen there. Sand Point is reached by going north from the east side of Swan Lake to a parking lot, and then walking north about twenty minutes. A SNOWY EGRET was at Swan Lake on the 25th only. In Iowa County at the Lily Lake along hiway 220 between Main and Middle Amana, there were five EARED GREBES and a HORNED GREBE on the 28th, and two WHITE-WINGED SCOTERS and five BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS on the 25th. UPLAND SANDPIPERS have returned to one of their traditional nesting fields south of hiway 6, between one and two miles east of South Amana. In Van Buren County, LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH, NORTHERN PARULA, and YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER were spotted at Lacey-Keosauqua State Park on the 28th.

In the northeast in Linn County, EARED and HORNED GREBES were on the lake, and a COMMON TERN was on the beach at Pleasant Creek Recreation Area north of Palo on the 26th. A NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was seen on the 24th and 25th near a T intersection, which is a half mile west and a half mile south of the junction of hiway 13 and Mt. Vernon Road.

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ON THE 3RD IN THE CENTRAL IN TOWN COUNTY, AN IMMATURE LITTLE BLUE HERON WAS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF COUNTY ROAD E-66 A QUARTER MILE WEST OF CHESTER, AND AT OTTER CREEK MARSA, AN AMERICAN BITTERN AND 3 VIRGINIA RAILS WERE NEAR THE EAST END OF THE NORTH DIKE. IN GUTHRIE COUNTY, A CINNAMON TEAL WAS FOUND AT THE OUTFLOW FROM LAKIN SLAND, SOUTH OF COUNTY ROAD E-25 JUST EAST OF THE TOWN OF YALE.

IN THE SOUTHEAST, IN JOHNSON COUNTY, THE YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HIGHT FIRST LOCATED ON THE FIRST AT THE NAUSKEYE WILDLIFE AREA, WAS STILL PRESENT. IT IS ON A VERY SMALL POND ON THE EAST SIDE OF GREENCASTLE AVENUE NORTH OF THE SWAN LAKE ROAD JUST BEYOND A SIGN READING "FLOOD AREA AHEAD". A LITTLE FARTHER ALONG GREENCASTLE, A PEREGRINE FALCON WAS OBSERVED MAKING LUNCH OF AN AMERICAN COOT. A CLAY-COLORED SPARROW WAS AT THE FIRST PARKING LOT ALONG JAMES AVENUE NORTH OF THE SWAN LAKE ROAD.

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ON THE 4TH IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL, A NEOTROPIC CORMORANT WAS FOUND IN DECATUR COUNTY. IT WAS WITH DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANTS AT LITTLE RIVER RECREATION AREA NORTHWEST OF LEON, AND WAS LAST SEEN FLYING ~~FROM~~ SOUTH FROM THE NORTH END OF THE AREA. THIS IS A POSSIBLE FIRST STATE RECORD. -

IN THE SOUTHEAST AT THE NAUSKEYE WILDLIFE AREA IN JOHNSON COUNTY, THE YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON WAS STILL PRESENT AND A PIPING PLOVER WAS ON A MUDFLAT TO THE EAST OF SAND POINT.

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