

IN THE SOUTHWEST IN FREMONT COUNTY

ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> A FLOCK OF  
19 IBIS (SP) AND 12 GREAT-TAILED  
GRACKLES WERE OBSERVED AT THE NORTH AND NORTHWEST  
PORTIONS OF FORNEY LAKE.

ON JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> IN THE NORTHWEST IN CLOY COUNTY  
LEE SCHNEEWE REPORTED A MALE  
LAZULI BUNTING ALONG THE LITTLE SIOUX RIVER SOUTH  
OF SPENCER. FROM THE TOWN OF DICKENS, GO  
SOUTH 4 1/2 MILES ON COUNTY ROAD M-54, THEN  
WEST OF 405<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO A DEAD END PARKING  
LOT. THEN WALK A 1/4 MILE WHERE YOU FIND A  
SMALL STREAM THEN WALK ANOTHER 1/4-1/3 OF A  
MILE TO A CULVERT AND THE BIRD WAS IN THE 100  
YARDS NORTH OF THE CULVERT. YOU CAN CALL LEE AT  
(712) 262-8194

IN THE CENTRAL IN POCK COUNTY  
ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> IN AN UPDATE, THE MISSISSIPPI  
KITES WERE NEST BUILDING IN THE SAME TREE AS  
LAST YEAR AT THE REAR OF THE OLIVET BAPTIST  
CHURCH IN WINDSOR HEIGHTS.

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BIRDS MENTIONED:

Mississippi Kite  
Red-necked Grebe  
White-winged Scoter  
Worm-eating Warbler  
Bewick's Wren  
Common Loon  
Swainson's Hawk  
Mute Swan  
Cattle Egret  
Summer Tanager  
White-eyed Vireo  
Cerulean Warbler  
Blue-winged Warbler  
Kentucky Warbler  
Louisiana Waterthrush  
Acadian Flycatcher  
Great-tailed Grackle  
Yellow-breasted Chat  
Common Moorhen  
Least Bittern  
Least Tern  
Caspian Tern  
Common Tern  
Ruddy Turnstone

The week's highlights are the return of the MISSISSIPPI KITES in Polk County, RED-NECKED GREBE and WHITE-WINGED SCOTER in the northwest, and WORM-EATING WARBLER and BEWICK'S WREN in the southeast.

In the northwest in Sac County, two RED-NECKED GREBES, a WHITE-WINGED SCOTER, and two COMMON LOONS were at Blackhawk Lake at Lake View on the 24th. In Osceola County, there is an active SWAINSON'S HAWK nest, which can be found by going south from Allendorf on hiway 59 for three and a half miles, and then east *on 200th STREET* a half mile and look on the south side of the road. In Winnebago County, a MUTE SWAN and a CATTLE EGRET were at Myre Slough, which is about eight miles west of Forest City on the 22nd.

In the central part of the state in Polk County, the MISSISSIPPI KITES have returned to last year's nesting spot at the rear of the Olivet Baptist Church at 73rd and Del Matro in Windsor Heights. This location is reached from I-235 by taking the 8th Street West Des Moines exit, and going north for a little over a mile. They have also been seen periodically flying over Greenwood Park in Des Moines. Another MISSISSIPPI KITE was sighted in Jasper County over the campground at Rock Creek State Park on the 18th. At Brown's Woods, a SUMMER TANAGER was present on the 25th.

In the southeast in Lee County, a WORM-EATING WARBLER was still singing at the



Croton Unit of Shimek State Forest on the 22nd. Other birds seen there included WHITE-EYED VIREO, CERULEAN, BLUE-WINGED, and KENTUCKY WARBLERS, LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH, and ACADIAN FLYCATCHER. Nearby, a BEWICK'S WREN was seen around outbuildings on the Farrell farm. From the entrance to the Croton Unit, go north on Belfast Road to 150th Street, where you go east to the second house on the left, with the name "Farrell" on the mailbox. At Ft, Madison, a GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE that was mighty far east in the state, was seen on a small marsh just west of the Super 8 Motel on the 22nd. There were also two YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT reports from Lee County. One was on a hillside, which is 3.75 miles upriver along Old Quarry Road from the south end of the bridge over the Skunk River at Augusta on the 25th, and the other was seen on the 26th along Belfast Road where it runs along the Des Moines River between the Croton Unit, and the village of Croton, near a mailbox with the name "Ray Palmer, Jr." on it. In Henry County, a SUMMER TANAGER was spotted at the picnic area at the north end of Geode State Park on the 26th.

In the northeast in Jackson County, several COMMON MOORHENS and a LEAST BITTERN were seen from the large parking lot along the east-west road at Green Island Preserve on the 24th. In Allamakee County, at least three KENTUCKY WARBLERS were singing along trails near the firetower at Yellow River State Forest on the 24th.

In the southwest in Pottawattamie County, birds seen at the MidAmerican Energy Cos. settling ponds south of Council Bluffs on the 25th included LEAST, COMMON, and CASPIAN TERNS, and RUDDY TURNSTONES. At Lake Manawa. there were three adult and two first summer COMMON TERNS.

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