

Lots, data not entered

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Dear Tom:

We had several sightings that we thought you might want to include in the Iowa Bird Life field reports.

✓ An adult male and subadult female peregrine falcon are nesting in downtown Des Moines. They laid two eggs although one egg fell off of the building ledge on May 7. We will check for hatching June 9.

✓ Two adult peregrines are ~~also~~ nesting in the Quad Cities. The male had been there throughout the winter, but did not successfully attract a female until April 22. They are nesting under the Centennial bridge. We suspect that they started incubation about May 4.

✓ An adult male peregrine finally attracted a female peregrine in Cedar Rapids during the week of May 10. They have done some courtship flights and the female has accepted food from the male but it is unknown at this date whether or not they will actually attempt to nest.

✓ It appears that the peregrines in Iowa are banded, but we have been unable to read the band numbers. If anybody reads a band number, please report it to the Nongame office.

✓ Ed Weiner, Wildlife Technician for Otter Creek Marsh reported two young sandhill cranes June 5. Adult birds had been present since late March - early April. No nest was found, but the young were observed by DNR management personnel. This could be the first nest since 1894 in Hancock County (Anderson 1907).

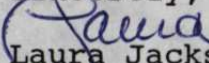
✓ May 18, a barn owl nest with 7 young was reported in Taylor County. This site has been used previously.

June 4, a possible barn owl nest with young was reported in Jasper County. Beth Brown and Gladys Black will verify.

It's been an exciting spring for some of Iowa's rare species! Let me know if you have any questions.

Take Care.

Sincerely,

  
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