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ADDITIONAL BREEDING BIRDS IN IOWA

Since the list of "The Breeding Birds of Iowa" was published in the Oologist for April, 1934, the writer has learned of five additional species of birds that have nested within the state. These five species, together with the 144 species previously reported as having bred in Iowa within the last two decades, brings the present list of Iowa breeding birds to 149. These additions are as follows:

Double-crested Cormorant. (Phalacrocorax auritus auritus.) The writer recorded (Auk, LI, pp.509-510) the finding of twelve nests of this species on June 24, 1934 at Green Bay Bottoms, Lee County. A nest, two eggs and three nestlings were collected. These are now in the collection of the Department of Zoology, Iowa State College, Ames.

Lesser Scaup Duck. (Nyroca affinis). Logan J. Bennett of Des Moines recorded (Oologist, LI, p.102) the finding of a nest of this species on Jefferson Slough, Dickinson County in 1934. This 100 acre slough one mile west of Spirit Lake was completely burned over on May 25, 1934, and the nest was destroyed.

Hooded Merganser. (Lophodytes cucullatus). During the summer of 1932, Logan J. Bennett of Des Moines found an adult with young, too small to fly, on Mud Lake, north of Ruthven, Clay County.

Swainson's Hawk. (Buteo swainsoni). A nest of this species was watched by B. O. Wolden of Estherville from May 8, 1934, when the bird was first discovered, north of Estherville, Emmet County, until June 15, when the female was last seen on the nest

(see Iowa Bird Life, IV, p.37)

Prairie Sharp-tailed Grouse (Pedioecetes phasianellus compestris). An adult was seen with young by H. M. Smith, County Engineer for Kossuth County, in Section 12, Grant Township, Kossuth County, during the summer of 1931. Smith stated that he had watched the birds for sometime through his transient. Chas. H. Batton of Des Moines observed two birds in practically this same locality on June 9, 1934. There are numerous areas of native prairie in this part of Kossuth County.--Philip A. DuMont, Des Moines, Iowa.