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Dear Mr. Kleen,

Enclosed is the spring migration report for the Council Bluffs, Iowa area.

Our sightings in this area during the spring migration are mostly "water" birds. There are three excellent areas for observation-- Lake Manawa, Folsom Lake and several interstate lakes south of Council Bluffs along I-29. One lake near the Pacific Junction exit has afforded us good birding all spring. In my report I shall refer to this particular spot as Pacific Junction Lake.

Sincerely,

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- Common Loon Considered an uncommon migrant. Seen several times this spring at Lake Manawa and on I-29 Lakes. One first sighted May 6 and last reported sighting May 24.
- Red-throated Loon A rare migrant along the Missouri River. The last time one was reported in this area was May 1972
(1) May 6 Pacific Junction Lake RG
- Western Grebe Considered an occasional to rare migrant in this area. Last reported sighting in this area was May 1972.
(3) Lake Manawa May 9 MW, TK, JG
- Eared Grebe Uncommon migrant. Seen in small numbers (1 - 6) through out area. First sighting April 16----- last reported May 24
- Common Egret Occasional migrant.
(Great Egret) (1) April 7 Lake Manawa
(4) May 8 Lake Manawa
- Snowy Egret Rare spring visitant.
(1) May 22 Pacific Junction Lake JG
- Black-crowned Night Heron Occasional migrant.
(7) April 27 DeSoto Bend Refuge
- Red-breasted Merganser Uncommon migrant. Late sighting.
1 female May 18 Pacific Junction Lake. RG
- American Golden Plover Considered a rare migrant. These must have been stopped by a cold front that had gone thru the region as this species was also reported to me on the same date at Wahoo, Nebr.
(25) in breeding plumage May 6 Pacific Junction Lake.
- Black -bellied Plover Uncommon migrant in area.
(1) Breeding plumage. May 19 Pacific Junction Lake
JG
- Piping Plover An uncommon migrant. Breeds at DeSoto Bend Refuge. First sighting April 23 DeSoto Bend Refuge. Last reported sighting at Pacific Junction Lake May 24.

Snowy Plover

Accidental.

(1) May 18 Pacific Junction Lake. RG

The bird was in breeding plumage, dark spot behind the eye and incomplete dark band around neck. The observer (Ruth Green) last saw this species in 1972 near Lincoln, Nebr. when two were present there for several days. I have asked her to send a written report directly to you about this sighting.

Dunlin

Occasional migrant.

(1) May 18 and May 22 at Pacific Junction Lake.

Sanderling

Irregular and uncommon migrant throughout area.

(1) May 11 I-29 Lake

(40 - 50) About 23 were in breeding plumage;
Pac. Junct. Lake, 3 May 18 - May 25

Chuck-will's- widow

First heard calling in late evening, May 2 near Glenwood, Iowa.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Uncommon migrant in area.

(2) at home feeder April 1 Council Bluffs.

Worm-eating Warbler

A rare summer resident.

(1) May 7 Lake Manawa. MW,TK,RA

Species seen in a thicket near a road. It was leisurely searching for food near the ground and on some small trees. Dark striping on head and buffy underparts easily observed by all. I had previously seen this species in Georgia. MW.

Observers

Rose Anderson	RA
Graham Chisholm	GC
Ruth Green	RG
Janet Greer	JG
Teta Kain	TK
Melba Wigg	MW