

Tom,

Quick letter to say hi and that I hope everything is going well for you this year. This year had to be one of the worse spring migrations in recent memory! Several good birds were found, especially early, but there are big holes in my yearly list. Hopefully, I can catch them on the way south.

I see that the April 25 Blackpoll is a record early date. The bird was seen briefly - 5 seconds - the details were color, black and white, black cap on head, white cheek, white breast and belly, streaked on the side and back, the orange legs were prominent.

Who would think that this year there would be any late dates? The May 25 Palm warbler is the third latest, I think. the bird was about 15 feet up in a tree - kind of uncommon - pumping its tail. the chestnut cap to head, yellow eyebrow, throat, undertail coverts, white belly with black streaks on side.

If you need more information or would prefer a standard rare bird report, let me know, otherwise I'll continue early and late (except out of season birds) dates in this manner. My email address is [pkernzen@pionet.net](mailto:pkernzen@pionet.net).

Hope to see you around  
Good Birding,

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- ✓ **1. Common Loon**, the first three were at Blackhawk Lake in Sac Co. on March 28, the last two were in alternate plumage at the same location on May 24.
- ✓ **2. Eared Grebe**, the first three were at Blackhawk Lake on April 5, two were at Tomahawk Marsh in Sac Co. as late as May 24.
- 3. Snowy Egret**, one was just north and west of Rush Lake in Clay Co. on May 12.
- ✓ **4. Black-bellied Whistling Duck**, one was observed at Tomahawk Marsh May 3 - May 22.
- ✓ **5. Swans Sp.**, a pair of swans were observed on the north east lake at Tomahawk Marsh on March 27.
- ✓ **6. Greater White Fronted Goose**, one was still in Ida Grove on May 9.
- ✓ **7. Snow Goose**, a flock of approximately 35 were at South Twin Lake in Calhoun Co. on May 9.
- 8. Wood Duck**, a pair was at Moorehead Park in Ida Co. on March 1.
- ✓ **9. Green Winged Teal**, one was at Moorehead Park in Ida Co. on March 1.
- 10. Northern Shoveler**, several were at various locations in Sac Co. on May 24.
- ✓ **11. Gadwall**, two were at Tomahawk Marsh on May 24.
- ✓ **12. American Wigeon**, a male was still at Tomahawk Marsh on May 9.
- ✓ **13. Canvasback**, a male was still at Tomahawk Marsh on May 24.
- 14. Lesser Scaup**, several were still at Tomahawk Marsh on May 9.
- 15. Bufflehead**, several were still at Tomahawk Marsh on May 9.
- ✓ **16. Hooded Merganser**, a female was at Tomahawk Marsh on May 24.
- ✓ **17. Ruddy**, several were present at Tomahawk Marsh on May 24
- ✓ **18. Peregrine Falcon**, one was at Moorehead Park on April 26.
- ✓ **19. Gray Partridge**, one was in rural Cherokee Co. on May 31.
- ✓ **20. American Golden Plover**, the first four were in rural Buena Vista Co. on March 24, many were present in Sac and Calhoun Co. on April 18, with the largest concentration of 287 around the Lake View Area.
- ✓ **21. Semipalmated Plover**, the first three were late on may 15 in rural Sac Co.
- ✓ **22. Lesser Yellowlegs**, the first one was on March 28 in rural Sac Co.
- ✓ **23. Baird's Sandpiper**, the first four were in rural Sac Co. on April 4.
- ✓ **24. Pectoral Sandpiper**, the first one was in rural Sac Co. on April 4.
- ✓ **25. Short-billed Dowitcher**, the first eight were in Sac Co. on May 15.
- ✓ **26. Common Snipe**, two were in rural Buena Vista Co. on March 28.
- ✓ **27. Wilson's Phalarope**, the first ones seen were in Calhoun Co. on May 9, several were seen at different locations in Buena Vista, Clay, and Palo Alto Counties on May 16.
- ✓ **28. Bonaparte's Gull**, the first one was in Sac Co. on April 4.
- ✓ **29. Long-eared Owl**, one was south of Mapleton in Monona Co. on April 18.
- ✓ **30. Northern Saw-whet Owl**, three were present at Moorhead Park on March 22, the last one was seen there on March 25
- ✓ **31. House Wren**, the first one was at Moorhead Park on April 22. Early for Ida County!

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- ✓ **32. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**, 7 sightings more than most springs. The first three were very early for Ida Co. on April 25.
- ✓ **33. Veery**, two were calling at the lower campgrounds at Martin's Access in Cherokee Co. on May 31. This is the same location where three were present last summer.
- ✓ **34. Blue-winged Warbler**, a male made a brief appearance at Moorehead Park on May 9.
- ✓ **35. Tennessee Warbler**, very common with the first birds singing on May 6 at Moorehead Park, again another early date for Ida County.
- ✓ **36. Orange Crowned Warbler**, the first one was present at South Twin Lake in Calhoun Co. on April 18.
- ✓ **37. Northern Parula**, one was at Moorehead Park on May 9, and a male was at Martin's Access on May 10.
- ✓ **38. Chestnut-sided Warbler**, one made a brief appearance at Moorehead Park on May 15.
- ✓ **39. Magnolia Warbler**. The first one was at Moorehead Park on May 12, the peak was also there with 3 on May 25.
- ✓ **40. Black-throated Green Warbler**, one was calling at prominent at Moorehead Park on May 12.
- ✓ **41. Blackburnian Warbler**, One was at Martin's Access on May 10, and one was present on May 25 at Moorehead Park.
- ✓ **42. Palm Warbler**, one was a surprise at Moorehead Park on May 25.
- ✓ **43. Blackpoll Warbler**, one was at Moorehead Park on April 25, 6 were there on May 16, the last one was there on May 25.
- ✓ **44. Black and White Warbler**, the first two were at Moorehead Park on April 25.
- ✓ **45. Mourning Warbler**, the most were 4 at Moorehead Park on May 25.
- ✓ **46. Wilson's Warbler**, the first one was at Moorehead Park on May 4 the peak and last 7 were there on May 25.
- ✓ **47. Canada Warbler**, the most were 5 at Moorehead Park on May 25.
- ✓ **48. Eastern Towhee**, 2 were calling Martin's Access on May 31.
- ✓ **49. Great-tailed Grackle**, one was at the Duck's Unlimited Marsh in Clay Co.