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FIELD REPORTS - FALL 1996

GENERAL TRENDS

In Winneshielk County, the waterfowl migration was very light. A scattering of shorebirds was found in the few suitable habitats. None of the migrant thrushes were seen. Warbler migration was above-average and prolonged; several species were noted from 23 Aug through Sep.

SPECIES DATA

All Effigy Mounds National Monument records are from Allamakee County, except for one which is noted. General comments refer to Winneshielk County including the following localities: Burr Oak, Cardinal Marsh, Decorah, Fort Atkinson Sewage Ponds, and Lake Meyer County Park.

- ✓ Green Heron: High Count: 13 at Cardinal Marsh on 29 Aug. Last: 1 at Cardinal Marsh on 19 Sep.
- ✓ Osprey: 1 or 2 were at Decorah from 14 Sep to 28 Oct.
- ✓ Semipalmated Plover: 2 were seen at Sweet Marsh, Bremer Co. on 2 Sep.
- ✓ Least Sandpiper: High count: 14 at Fort Atkinson on 8 Aug.; also noted in small numbers at two other localities.
- ✓ Baird's Sandpiper: 1 was found at Sweet Marsh on 2 Sep.
- ✓ Caspian Tern: 3 were on a sandbar in the Miss. River at Effigy Mounds on 28 Sep.
- ✓ Black Tern: 2 were at a Burr Oak farm pond on 19 Aug.

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SPECIES DATA (continued)

- ✓ Olive-sided Flycatcher: More than usual. First: 1 at Effigy Mounds (south unit), Clayton Co. on 17 Aug.
- ✓ Eastern Wood Pewee: Last singing birds were 2 at Decorah on 24 Sep.
- ✓ American Pipit: First were 6 at Winter's Pond, near Burr Oak, Winneshiek Co. on 23 Sep; 5 were seen at the same location on 28 Oct.
- ✓ Solitary Vireo: 1 was seen at Cardinal Marsh on 9 Sep, 1 at Effigy Mounds on 28 Sep, and 2 at Decorah on ~~29~~ 30 Sep.
- ✓ Yellow-throated Vireo: 1 was seen at Decorah on 23 Aug.
- ✓ Philadelphia Vireo: 4 was at Lake Meyer, Winneshiek Co. on 10 Sep and 1 at Decorah on 16 Sep.
- ✓ Red-eyed Vireo: Last were 3 at Effigy Mounds on 28 Sep.
- ✓ Sedge Wren: 16 singing birds were found at Hayden Prairie, Howard Co., on 6 Aug.
- ✓ Golden-winged Warbler: 2 were seen at Cardinal Marsh and 1 at Decorah on 9 Sep.
- ✓ Tennessee Warbler: High count: 16 at Lake Meyer on 10 Sep.
- ✓ Northern Parula Warbler: 1 at Decorah on 16 Sep.
- ✓ Blackburnian Warbler: Unusually numerous. First: 1 at Decorah on 23 Aug. Last: 4 at Burr Oak on 23 Sep.
- ✓ Chestnut-sided Warbler: First: 1 at Decorah on 27 Aug. Last: 1 at Effigy Mounds on 28 Sep.
- ✓ Magnolia Warbler: First: 2 at Decorah on 27 Aug. High Count: 8 at Decorah on 13 Sep.

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SPECIES DATA (continued)

- ✓ Yellow-rumped Warbler: First: 2 at Cardinal Marsh on 9 Sep.
- ✓ Palm Warbler: First: 3 at Cardinal Marsh on 9 Sep.
- ✓ Bay-breasted Warbler: First: 1 at Decorah on 27 Aug. Last: 1 at Effigy Mounds on 28 Sep.
- ✓ Wilson's Warbler: First: 2 at Decorah on 27 Aug.
- ✓ Scarlet Tanager: Last: 1 at Effigy Mounds on 28 Sep.
- ✓ Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Last: 1 at Decorah on 4 Oct.
- ✓ Lincoln's Sparrow: 4 at Burr Oak on 23 Sep and 2 at Cardinal Marsh on 9 Oct.
- ✓ White-crowned Sparrow: 2 at Cardinal Marsh on 9 Oct.
- ✓ Harris' Sparrow: 1 at Cardinal Marsh on 9 Oct.
- ✓ Rusty Blackbird: 2 at Cardinal Marsh on 9 Oct.

I look forward to seeing your new book on Iowa birds.

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