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FIELD REPORTS - FALL 1997

GENERAL TRENDS

This was the most uneventful of the eight falls that I have spent at Decorah. Warblers arrived later than usual and were generally scarce. Only sparrows were present in average numbers.

SPECIES DATA

All records are from Winneshiek County, unless otherwise indicated.

- ✓ Osprey: Last was 1 (present weeks) at Decorah on 14 Oct.
- ✓ Semipalmated Plover: 1 at Fort Atkinson Sewage Ponds on 1 Sep; also 2 at East Twin Lake, Hancock Co. on 20 Sep.
- ✓ Killdeer: High count: 130 on 1 Sep at Fort Atkinson Sewage Ponds.
- ✓ Stilt Sandpiper: 4 at a Burr Oak farm pond on 27 Aug; also 5 at East Twin Lake, Hancock Co. on 20 Sep.
- ✓ Franklin's Gull: 10 at Fort Atkinson Sewage Ponds on 29 Sep; this is one of my very few records for Winneshiek Co.
- ✓ Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1 seen at Decorah on 24 Sep.
- ✓ Cliff Swallow: High count: 300 at Cardinal Marsh on 27 Aug.
- ✓ Red-breasted Nuthatch: Several reports from late Aug to the end of the period.
- ✓ Winter Wren: High count: 5 at Decorah on 14 Oct.
- ✓ Carolina Wren: 1 heard on 9 Aug and 1 heard and seen on 27 Sep at Effigy Mounds Nat. Mon., Allamakee Co.; these are my first records from this locality in recent years.
- ✓ Sedge Wren: Last: 1 at Cardinal Marsh on 8 Oct.
- ✓ Gray Catbird: 1 appeared at a suet feeder, near Calmar, Winneshiek Co. on 19 Nov and was seen daily through 30 Nov (Susan Anderson).

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- ✓ Solitary Vireo: 1 at Decorah on 24 Sep.
- ✓ Tennessee Warbler: Last: 2 at Decorah on 3 Oct.
- ✓ Orange-crowned Warbler: Last: 2 at Lake Meyer on 15 Oct.
- ✓ Chestnut-sided Warbler: First: 1 at Cardinal Marsh on 27 Aug. Last: 1 at Decorah on 24 Sep.
- ✓ Palm Warbler: First: 1 at Decorah on 3 Sep.
- ✓ Canada Warbler: 1 at Decorah on 29 Aug, my only record.
- ✓ Scarlet Tanager: Last: 2 at Effigy Mounds, Allamakee Co., on 27 Sep.
- ✓ Lincoln's Sparrow: High: 3 at Cardinal Marsh on 1 Oct.
- ✓ Last: 1 at Lake Meyer, Winneshiek Co. on 12 Nov, my latest ever record for Winneshiek Co.
- ✓ Harris' Sparrow: 1 at Cardinal Marsh on 1 Oct.
- Pine Siskin: Many at feeders, but some had disappeared by the end of the period.

I enjoy using your "Birds in Iowa," like the format and concise information.

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P.S.: From your IBL biography, I note that you are one day younger than I.