

Silcock

Mr Vernon Kleen,
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RR 1, Tabor, Iowa
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Dear Vernon,

Here are some observations for this fall. I did not get out as much as I would have liked (who does?) but found warbler migration poor - birds were almost impossible to find - I suppose they were spread by the rather featureless weather. Blue/Snow Geese arrived late and are still present in thousands Dec 5.

Yellow-crowned Night Heron: 2 at Riverton Aug 2 (adults).

Black Duck: 1 at Forney Lake Nov 16 with Mallards (see attached sheet).

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 migrant (riding wind currents along Missouri bluffs) Sept 21.

Greater Yellowlegs: 6 rather late at Forney Lake (but fall was very mild).

Sanderling: 1 in Mills Co Sept 14.

Short-eared Owl: 1 near Thurman Oct 29.

Willow Flycatcher: Common breeder in Fremont Co; 3 still singing in one location Aug 1. No Alders found here as yet.

Carolina Wren: The only record I have from here: 1st Aug 2.

Loggerhead Shrike: Not hard to find during summer; last migrant seen Nov 25 - rather late.

Summer Tanager: Breeds at Waubonsie State Park; 1 on Aug 3.

Blue Grosbeak: Breeds on Missouri bottoms; a male seen there Aug 3.

My only record away from the bottoms was a female Sept 21 feeding on milo planted especially for such birds at Forney Lake.

Rufous-sided Towhee: One of the spotted race Oct 5.

Le Conte's Sparrow: One seen Oct 5.

Vesper Sparrow: One found Aug 3 at Pinky's Glen Nature Preserve, Fremont Co. Could be a breeding bird; will check next summer. Easterla considers it a casual SR in nw Missouri.

All these observations in Fremont Co, except Sanderling. No D.C. Cormorants seen, nor Pelicans.

Yours sincerely,
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Please excuse my one-finger typing.