

Hérons

great blues appeared at the Coralville Reservoir in mid July, and their numbers appeared to increase through the period. max count 53 8/8.

least Bittern 2 6/26 Cone Marsh (R DeC).

Hawks.

Am Kestrel 1 7/4 Kent Park. first record of this species all year, only hawk record this summer!

Rails

Virginia rail 1 imm 8/1 Coralville Reservoir (m.obs.)

Shorebirds

Numbers generally low so far -- the Coralville Reservoir is quite low, but has not dropped any since the spring, so that there are few mud flats to attract birds. Most ~~peep~~ birds have been in small ponds separated from the main body of the reservoir, and these have been steadily drying up. All records from the Coralville Reservoir.

	7/11	7/17	7/25	8/1	8/8
semi plover		3			1
kildeer	22	29	5	3	12
spot. sandp. -----		1	2	4	5
solit. sandp.	2		5		2
yellowlegs, g.	1	2			
" 1	25	7	3	8	16
pec. sandp.-----	10	12	4	10	17
Baird's sandp.		4			
least sandp.	26	12	12	4	11
semi sandp			95	~ 60	71
west. sandp.-----			3	1	
dowitcher, l-b.			1		
" s-b.			2		
" sp.			1		1
<u>stilt sandp.</u> -----	1	same bird	1		
Wilson's phal.		40 ⁷			

There is a hint of an early wave (cf. kildeer, yellowlegs, least sandp.) before 7/11 and a later one between 7/17 and 7/25 (peep, dowitchers).

→ upland sandpiper 2 6/13 W. Liberty (Br. Bird Survey Rt. IA 007)
1 in flight some 7/4 Kent Park

terns

forster's 3 7/11 Coralville Reservoir

cuckoos

common in riparian woodland; yellow-billed appears to be more common, or more conspicuous, than black-billed.

woodpeckers

red-headed appear very common, but have seen only a single imm. bird so far this summer.

pileated 1 8/8 upper end of Coralville Reservoir area. also noted diggings in the same area 8/1 (mob). Have not noted birds in this area previously, though we saw one several miles to the east in the spring, again in an area where they are not routinely found. So there may be an additional pair in our area.

flycatchers

phoebe 1 8/1 Coralville Reservoir (~~mx~~ (m. ob.)

alder single birds 6/26 Cone Marsh (R DeC) and 8/8 Coralville Res. Last date a breeder or an early migrant? A non-singing Trail's-type bird seen 6/19 Coralville Reservoir.

Swallows

mixed flock of several hundred each of bank and cliff swallows at the Coralville Reservoir 7/17 through 8/8

Wrens

sedge wrens abundant in suitable habitat since 8/1 ~~we~~, several in each piece of suitable habitat examined, and there is a great deal, since the low level~~s~~ of the reservoir has created vast areas of weedy grass-grown ~~flats~~ flats.

Mimids

N. mockingbird 1 6/13 Hills area (R DeC; Br. Bird Survey Rt. IA 007)
2 6/20 Williamsburg area (R DeC; IA Br. Bird Survey Rt. IA 010)

Thrushes

E. bluebird 2 pairs 7/4 Kent Park. One pair feeding young in woodpecker hole.
Shrikes loggerhead shrike 1 6/20 North English (R DeC; Br. Bird Survey Rt. IA 010)

Vireos

Bell's. 2 singing 7/4 Kent Park
a family of 5 8/1 Williams Prairie. young were begging food from ads.
These are additional locations for Bell's, different from the ones listed in the spring report.

Warblers

Kentucky 1 singing male 6/1 Coralville Reservoir (R DeC)

← same bird
also listed on spring
report (I think)

Icterids

yellow-headed blackbird six singing males and several females seen 6/26 Cone Marsh. Presumed breeding for the second year here. The pond at Iowa City where they nested last year is dry this year and was converted to cornfield.

orchard oriole a group of 2 ad males and one imm male seen 7/4 Kent Park.
early migrants?

Sparrows

vesper sparrow 1 7/11 Coralville Reservoir

Savannah sparrow abundant this year one the wide weedy dry flats left by the low reservoir.

Lark sparrow seem more abundant this year than the two previous; several birds, mostly imm, seen ~~8/1, 8/8~~ 7/25, 8/1, 8/8 Coralville Reservoir area.

Notes

All recored joint ones of M. and C. Newlon; other observers are noted in parentheses if present (R DeC = Rich DeCoster; m.ob. = many other observers).