

Entered

Dear Jim,

My summer report from 1997:

Grebe, Pb: 1 at Errington Marsh on 6/22

Pelican, W: 6 at Jester Lake on 6/15; 20 on 6/22

Cormorant, OC: 1 at Saylorville 7/20

Heron, GB: the colony west of L41 was active

Egret, G: only 1 at Saylorville on 7/20

Goose, Canada: 309 were off of Jester on 7/20

Goose, Snow: the resident blue-phase was joined by a 2nd summer blue phase & a white phase this summer at Terra Lake. These appear to be the two that spent last winter there. All are free flying, tho they seldom do & are quite tame

Mallard: numerous families in many Park W. areas

Gadwall: A male was at Terra on 6/7, a pair at Jester on 6/22

Teal, BW: A pair at Jester on 6/22

Shoveller: A male summered at Terra

Scaup, species: A female was at Terra on 6/19 (didn't have my scope - me)

Duck, Ruddy: A pair was on Country Club Lake in W. Des Moines on ~~6/21~~ 6/21, and a male on Terra 7/3

Hawk, Cooper's & Broadwinged — could not find this summer

Crane, Sandhill: 1 was off of Jester 6/8 & 6/22

Sora: 1 was at Errington on 6/22. Despite extensive work with a tape I could not locate any other rail or bittern. It was drier there this year.

Loon: 2 were off of Jester 6/22

L. Yellowlegs

Pectoral Sand piper } all present off of Jester 7/20

Least Sand piper

Owlin - a pair was a bit late on 6/8

Spotted Sand piper - several Saylsville locations throughout

Gull, Herring - An adult was on Sand piper 6/8

~~Gull, Franklin's~~

Gull, Ring-billed: all Saylsville - 22 on 6/8; 57 on 6/15; 82 on 6/22;  
25 on 7/20

Tern, Caspian: all at Saylsville - 1 on 6/8; 1 on 6/15; 3 on 7/5;  
1 on 7/20

Tern, Forsters: all at Saylsville - 5 on 6/8; 5 on 7/5; 3 on 7/20

Cuckoo, Black-billed: 3 in different location, high for my

Summers

Hummingbird, Rt: regular in our yard; seen at 3 Saylsville locations

Kingbird, Western: at the Capitol, 6/10, despite removal of some of  
the Sycamores

Flycatcher, Acadian: a pair at Browns Woods 6/21, in  
same location as last summer

Wren, Sage - singing in many Polk Co location ~~to~~ on 7/20

Wren, Marsh - Errington (at least 3) on 6/22

Thrush, Wood - singing NW Saylsville 6/1 (2); Sycamore Access 6/8;  
West of Living History Farm (my neighborhood) 6/8 (3); Browns  
Woods 6/21

Veery - 2 were singing, NW of 17 bridge on 6/1, in  
same location as last July.

Vireo, Yellowthroated - west side of Saylsville 6/15

Vireo, Bells - remain easy to find in Big Creek shelterbelts  
2 on 7/20



Warbler, Blue-winged — 4 were singing on the Des Moines river, west of Luther on 6/1; 1 on west side of Saylorville 6/15

Warbler, Parula — 1 singing, west side Saylorville 6/15

Warbler, Yellow — several Saylorville locations

Warbler, Yellow-throated — usual location in Sycamores, south of Sycamore Access (1) 6/8

Warbler, Cerulean — 1 singing, about 1 mile south of old colony on 6/15. (Same location as last year)

Warbler, Prothonotary — 1 singing south of Sycamore 6/8

Redstart — 1 west of Saylorville 6/15

Ovenbird — west of 17 bridge 6/1<sup>(2)</sup>; West of Saylorville 6/15<sup>(2)</sup>; Browns woods 6/21<sup>(3)</sup>.

Warbler, Kentucky — 1 singing W. of ~~17~~ 17 bridge 6/1

Warbler, Hooded — a female W. of Living History Farms 6/1. Less than a mile from June sighting in '93,

Tanager, Summer — 1 at Browns woods 6/21, singing

Tanager, Scarlet — 1 west of Living History 6/1, 6/8<sup>7/14</sup>; W. of Saylorville (2) 6/15; Browns wood 6/21;

Dickcissel — seems to be doing well in Polk Co.

Sparrow, Grasshopper — continues to be plentiful in grassy areas ~~among~~ <sup>between</sup> the developments in W. Des Moines

Bobolink — family of 7 W. of Living History on 7/12

Blackbird, Yellow-headed — colony at Errington

Oriole, Orchard — 1 at Big Creek 6/14; family of 3 same location 7/20

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