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Jim,

Saylorville was flooded throughout the period. My travels out of the state kept me away from some of my favorite summer places.

PB Grebe: 1-2 at both Moeckly + Errington throughout

Least Bittern: 1 at Moeckly on 6/28

Cattle Egret: 38 at Moeckly on 7/25

Snow Goose: the resident Blue phase and its two recent white phase partners disappeared this summer from Terra Lake, I will be curious to see if it returns,

B.W. Teal: 2 to 6 at both Moeckly + Errington throughout

Shoveler: a male at Errington on 6/7

RN Duck: a male at Moeckly on 6/28

H. Merganser: two females at Moeckly on 6/28; 1 on 7/25

King Rail: I responded to a tape at Errington on 6/7, in almost identical location as '96. Then on 7/25, 2 very dark, almost black rail chicks scurried into the adjacent cann field on the edge of a pool about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile inland from the original sighting. In about a minute a large rail with a uniform tan breast, neck, and check appeared just a few yards to the west. The chicks were about 5-6" long & in talking with Steve he says large chicks, still black, is characteristic of King Rail. Armstrong's and Thompson called up the original rail a week or so after the 6/7 date.

Sora: 2 at Moeckly, 1 at Errington on 6/28

Coot: up to 10 at Moeckly, through out,

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L. Yellowlegs ; ~~9~~ in Eastern Polk Co 7/25
Upland Sandpiper : 2 at Moccley 6/28
Sanderling : 6 were late at Sandpiper on 6/6
Bairds SP 8 were also late at Sandpiper on 6/6
Stilt SP 18 had returned near Ervington 7/25
Franklin's Gull : 4 non breeding were at Sandpiper on 6/13; 2
on 7/25
RB Gull : A dozen or so at Saylorsville throughout
BB Cuckoo none
RT Hummingbird : Regular in our yard
~~Bells Vireo~~ Sedge Wren 19 at Ervington on 7/25
Marsh Wren : 1 at Ervington, 2 at Moccley 7/25
Bells Vireo : easy to find in Big Creek shelterbelts
L. Shrike : 2 in Eastern Polk Co, on 7/25
E. Towhee : seemed particularly common - seen in 6 Polk Co
locations
Savannah Sp : Common at Ervington
Bobolink : 6 at Moccley on 6/28
Orchard Oriole : 2 at 2 locations, Saylorsville 6/13

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P.S. Do you have a recommendation for birding software
to keep records on?

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