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FIELD REPORTS - FALL 1998

General Trends: Shorebird habitat was scarce due to high water levels; a handful of shorebirds were seen at the Fort Atkinson Sewage Ponds. In contrast to spring, the warbler migration was prolonged and steady, though no large "waves" were noted.

SPECIES DATA: All records are from Winneshiek Co., unless otherwise noted.

- ✓ Least Bittern: 2 at Cardinal Marsh on 27 Aug
- ✓ (Lee Zieke) and 1 " " " on 31 Aug.
- ✓ Green-winged Teal: First: 1 at Cardinal M. on 31 Aug.
- ✓ Ring-necked Duck: First: 2 at Burr Oak on 1 Oct.

Osprey: several records, in contrast to spring scarcity

✓ Merlin: singles were seen at Cardinal M. on 7 and 28 Sep.

✓ Peregrine Falcon: During the Effigy Mounds ^(Atlamptee Co.) Hawk Watch on 26 Sep, 11 were counted by Bruce Ehresman, Pam and Pat Heidenreich, and other veteran raptor observers.

The count did not include the 9 introduced birds which had left, 3 weeks earlier.

✓ Sora: Last: 4 at Cardinal M. on 28 Sep.

✓ Common Moorhen: 1 was seen at Cardinal M. on 2 Sep.

✓ Sandhill Crane: the two that spent the summer at Cardinal M. were last seen on 18 Sep.

✓ Spotted Sandpiper: ^{Last:} 1 at Fort Atkinson Sewage Ponds on 1 Oct.

✓ Bairds Sandpiper: 1 at Fort Atkinson Sewage Ponds on 21 Aug.

✓ Caspian Tern: 2 were seen at Cardinal M. on 28 Sep.

✓ Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 was seen at Lake Meyer Co. Park on 2 Sep;
also 1 at Burr Oak on 5 Sep (Lee Zieke)

✓ Yellow-billed Cuckoo: Singles were found at Lake Meyer on 11 Aug & 2 Sep.

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- ✓ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: First: 2 at Cardinal M. on ~~20~~³¹ Aug.
- ✓ Olive-sided Flycatcher: First: 1 at Burr Oak on 22 Aug (Lee Zieffe) + 5 other records - more than usual.
- ✓ Eastern Wood Pewee: ^{Last:} 1 at Effigy Mounds, Allamakee Co. on 26 Sep.
- ✓ Blue-headed Vireo: First: 1 at Decorah on 14 Sep
- ✓ Warbling Vireo: 1 was feeding a juvenile ^(out of the nest) Brown-headed Cowbird at Effigy Mounds, Allamakee Co. on 22 Aug.
- ✓ Philadelphia Vireo: First: 1 at Cardinal M. on 7 Sep.
- ✓ Last: 1 at Effigy Mounds on 26 Sep; also 3 other records - the most ever in one season for me.
- ✓ Winter Wren: First: 1 at Lake Meyer Co. Park on 21 Sep, several later records - unusually numerous.
- ✓ Golden-crowned Kinglet: First: 1 at Effigy Mounds on 26 Sep.
- ✓ Ruby-crowned Kinglet: First: 2 at Decorah on 11 Sep.
- ✓ Swainson's Thrush: 1 was seen at Burr Oak on 6 Sep (Lee Zieffe). I found an unusually late individual at Decorah on 10 Oct; I noted the buffy lores and eyering, also the uniform brown tail and back.
- ✓ Hermit Thrush: 3 were seen at Burr Oak on 8 Oct; ^(Lee Zieffe) Last: 1 at Bluffton on 26 Oct.
- ✓ Cedar Waxwing: A nest with 3 young birds was found at Lake Meyer on 21 Aug; 60 were at Lake Meyer on 2 Sep.
- ✓ Blue-winged Warbler: 1 was seen at Decorah on 16 Aug.
- ✓ Golden-winged Warbler: First: 1 at Lake Meyer on 21 Aug.; 4 other reports of singles in Winneshiek County.
- ✓ Tennessee Warbler: First: 1 at Burr Oak on 19 Aug.
- ✓ Orange-crowned Warbler: First: 8 at Lake Meyer on 1 Oct.
- ✓ Nashville Warbler: Last: 1 at Decorah on 5 Oct.

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- ✓ Magnolia Warbler: First: 2 at Burr Oak on 19 Aug.
- ✓ Northern Parula Warbler: 1 was seen at Effigy Mounds, Allamakee Co. on 26 Sep.
- ✓ Yellow-rumped Warbler: First: an early individual at Cardinal M. on 31 Aug.
- ✓ Chestnut-sided Warbler: First: 2 at Decorah on 20 Aug.
- ✓ Black-throated Green Warbler: First: 1 at Burr Oak on 19 Aug.
- ✓ Bay-breasted Warbler: First: 1 at Decorah on 16 Aug.
- ✓ Blackpoll Warbler: A fall adult male with yellowish face and streaked back and chest (as shown in the National Geographic guide) was seen at Cardinal M. on 31 Aug.
- ✓ Black-and-white Warbler: Last: 1 at Decorah on 27 Sep.
- ✓ American Redstart: Last: 1 at Burr Oak on 29 Sep (Lee Zietke)
- ✓ Northern Waterthrush: First: 1 at Burr Oak on 12 Aug (Lee Zietke)
- ✓ Canada Warbler: First: 1 at Burr Oak on 17 Aug (Lee Zietke)
- ✓ Scarlet Tanager: Last: 1 at Effigy Mounds, Allamakee Co. on 26 Sep.
- ✓ Lincoln's Sparrow: First: 1 at Cardinal M. on 16 Sep.
- ✓ White-throated Sparrow: First: 1 on 11 Sep at Burr Oak (Lee Zietke).
- ✓ White-crowned Sparrow: First: 2 at Burr Oak on 1 Oct.
- ✓ Harris' Sparrow: 2 were seen at Cardinal M. on 13 Oct.
- ✓ Bobolink: 1, in fall plumage, was flushed twice from a grassy hillside at Cardinal M. on 13 Oct - my latest record ever.
- ✓ Rusty Blackbird: First: 2 at Cardinal M. on 24 Sep.
- ✓ Purple Finch: First: 1 at Cardinal M. on 8 Oct.

I have used Lee Zietke's daily observations from Willowglen Nursery, near Burr Oak, Winneshiek Co. in compiling this report.

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