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# Iowa Seasonal Report Summer 98

All records were observed from a jonboat on the water.

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Records: 10

ITEM	COMMON NAME	NUM	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT
1	Double-crested Cormorant	1	6/28/98	Skunk River, Jefferson Co., IA	River
I doubt this is unusual for the state, but this is my first record of DC Cormorant in Jefferson County in the summertime.					
2	Double-crested Cormorant		7/12/98	Skunk River, Jefferson Co., IA	River
About 4 miles from where I saw one on 6/28.					
3	Great Blue Heron	7	7/12/98	Skunk River, Jefferson Co., IA	River
At least seven birds along the river between Merrimac and Coppock. They were sort of hanging together.					
4	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	2	7/7/98	Mississippi R., Louisa Co., IA	Riparian
Two YB Cuckoos seemed to be on territory on the backwaters of the Mississippi near Toolsborough					
5	Pileated Woodpecker	2	7/7/98	Mississippi R., Louisa Co., IA	Riparian
Seen while sliding along the sloughy backwaters of the Mississippi near Toolsborough. I also saw Pileated-type big oblong holes in the trees.					
6	Pileated Woodpecker	2	7/19/98	Skunk River, Jefferson Co., IA	Riparian
Two big black-below woodpeckers flew across the river. Their necks were long, their heads angular (with folded-down crests). Leading edge of underwings showed extensive white. My first Pileated sighting for Jefferson County.					
7	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	100	7/12/98	Skunk River, Jefferson Co., IA	Wires
Lots of the swallows on the wires over the Skunk River at Coppock. Staging for migration already?					
8	Bank Swallow	100	6/12/98	Skunk River, Jefferson Co., IA	Mud banks
Along the Skunk River, in mostly Jefferson Co. between Merrimac and Coppock, there was a loose colony of over 100 Bank Swallow nest holes. This could be seen only from a boat, because it extended for a long way. The birds were flying in and out actively. All but about a dozen of these nests were destroyed in the floods the next week. Survivors apparently succeeded.					
9	Wood Thrush	1	7/10/98	Lake Darling, Brighton, IA	Trees
One bird singing in the thick woods by the lake.					
10	Prothonotary Warbler	2	7/7/98	Mississippi R., Louisa Co., IA	Riparian
Two, but not in the same area, and not together. About a mile apart.					