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General Notes: Extreme NW Iowa has been very dry, unlike much of Iowa this year. Wetlands are low, and small basins are nearly dry. However, large insect populations should provide excellent forage for young birds this year. Other habitat conditions are good.

Species	No.	Date	Location--comments--other observers
Red-necked Grebe	3	June-July	Pair reported by Dinsmore hatched 3 young, but 2 disappeared quickly, likely subject to snapping turtles. One young remained with pair in July (Jemmerson Slough, Dickinson Co.)
Northern Harrier	2	June 17	Pair seen foraging over western Lyon County grasslands--nesting??
Short-eared Owl	1	May 31	Lone bird foraging over grasslands east of Hawarden, Sioux County.
Blue Grosbeaks	2	June 22	Western Sioux County (others also seen in Lyon, Sioux and Dickinson Counties, but dates not recorded). Continue increasing numbers in NW IA.
Dickcissel	abundant	June-July	More birds observed than I recall in recent years, throughout region.