

SPRING 1999 FIELD REPORT

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- ✓ WESTERN GREBE 1 5/4 USNWR by refuge personnel
- ✓ AM. BITTERN 1 5/9 Copp Prairie, Koss. Co.
- ✓ SNOWY EGRET 1 4/30 Rathbun Dam
- ✓ TUNDRA SWAN 1 4/7 USNWR imm.
- ✓ BROAD-W. HAWK 2 5/25 Call St. Pk. late migrants?
- ✓ SWAINSON'S H 1 5/12,23 Smith WA, Koss. Co.
territorial, probable nesting nearby as previously
- ✓ ROUGH-L. HAWK 1 4/20 Maynard Reece WPA last one
- ✓ MERLIN 1 4/30 Brushy Creek Dam, Webster Co. f/imm
- ✓ BL.-B. CUCKOO 1 5/28 Goose/Burt Lakes, Koss. Co. only
cuckoo seen or heard this spring
- ✓ SH.-EARED OWL 1 4/7,19 Maynard Reece WPA
- ✓ " " 1 mid-April a bird found injured near
Lakota, Koss. Co. was taken to rehab. but didn't live
- ✓ C. NIGHTHAWK 1? 5/1 heard calling over the Centerville
town square at 5:30 A.M.
- ✓ OLIVE-S. FLY. 1 5/28 Goose/Burt Lakes. last one
- ✓ Y.-BELLIED FLY 1 5/11 Call St. Pk. "chwee" first one
- ✓ " " 3 5/21,23 peak @ Call & Smith "chwee"
- ✓ " " 1 5/30 Riverview Cem., Algona last "chwee"
- ✓ ACADIAN FLY. 1 5/23 Smith WA bird seen, calling "peek"
- ✓ ALDER FLYCATCH 2 5/26 Call & USNWR "kep" & singing
- ✓ " " 4 5/28 Goose/Burt Lakes singing
- ✓ "TRAILL'S" FLY 24 5/28 Goose/Burt Lakes visually not
Least, not making any noise either
- ✓ LEAST FLYCATCH 1 5/1 Sharon Buffs St. Pk., Appanoose Co.
first "che-bek"
- ✓ " " 80 5/12 Smith WA those heard were Least
- ✓ " " 1 5/28 Goose/Burt Lakes last "che-bek"
- ✓ Y.-THR. VIREO 3 5/1 Sharon Bluffs
- ✓ RED-EYED VIREO 1 5/1 Sharon Bluffs
- ✓ MARSH WREN 3 4/25 Copp Prairie first ones
- ✓ RUBY-CR. KING. 1 5/19 Call St. Pk. last one

- ✓ BL.-GR. GNAT. 1 5/28 Goose/Burt Lakes nesting?
- ✓ GRAY-CH. THR. 1 5/1 Sharon Bluffs
- ✓ " " 6 5/12 Smith WA peak
- ✓ SWAINSON'S THR 26 5/12 Smith WA peak
- ✓ " " 1 5/28 Goose/Burt Lakes last one
- ✓ HERMIT THRUSH 1 5/5 Riverview Cem. reddish bobbing
tail, "chup" call notes
- ✓ GRAY CATBIRD 1 5/1 Sharon Bluffs
- ✓ AM. PIPIT 12 5/9 Maynard Reece WPA last and most
- ✓ GOLD.-WINGED W 6 5/16 Call St. Pk. peak
- ✓ TENN. WARBLER 100 5/12 Smith WA mostly seen, few heard
- ✓ ORANGE-CR. W. 1 5/21 Call St. Pk. last one seen
- ✓ NASHVILLE W. 30 5/12 Smith WA peak
- ✓ NORTHERN PARULA I saw and heard more Parulas this year in
Koss. Co. than all previous years combined!
- ✓ CHEST.-SIDED W 2 5/4 Call St. Pk.
- ✓ " " 20 5/12 Smith WA
- ✓ MAGNOLIA WARB 15 5/12,16 Smith WA & Call St. Pk.
- ✓ CAPE MAY WARB. 4 5/12 Smith WA first and peak
- ✓ " " 1 5/26 Riverview Cem. late female
- ✓ total of 19 birds (13 male, 6 female) this spring, 11
sightings, 4 locations, a couple of females at
Riverview Cem. probably repeats on later days
- ✓ Y-RUMPED WARB. 1 5/26 USNWR last female
- ✓ BL.-THR. GREEN 9 5/11 Call St. Pk. peak
- ✓ BLACKBURN. W. 1 5/6 Call St. Pk. first
- ✓ " " 7 5/16 Call St. Pk. peak
- ✓ PALM WARBLER 2 5/18 Riverview Cem. last ones
- ✓ BAY-BR. WARB. 2 5/12 Smith WA males
- ✓ " " 1 5/26 Call St. Pk. female last
- ✓ BLACKPOLL W. 3 5/4 Call St. Pk.
- ✓ " " 40 5/12 Smith WA 3/1 male/female ratio
- ✓ " " 2 5/26 Call St. Pk.
- ✓ CERULEAN W. 4 5/1 Sharon Bluffs 3 males/1 female
- ✓ WORM-EAT. W. 1 5/11 Call St. Pk. singing male

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- ✓ N. WATERTHRUSH 1 5/1 Sharon Bluffs
- ✓ KENTUCKY WARB. 1 5/1 Sharon Bluffs singing male
- ✓ MOURNING W. 6 5/12 Smith WA peak
- ✓ HOODED WARB. 1 5/6 Call St. Pk. male
- ✓ " " 1 5/12 Smith WA 1st year female
- ✓ WILSON'S W. 1 5/26 my back yard last male
- ✓ CANADA WARB. 1 5/12 Smith WA first one
- ✓ SCARLET TAN. 1 5/1 Sharon Bluffs male
- ✓ CLAY-COL. SP. 1 5/5 Riverview Cem.
- ✓ " " 8 5/7 Riverview Cem. peak
- ✓ LECONTE'S SP. 8-10 4/7 Maynard Reece WPA
- ✓ WHITE-THR. SP 2 5/28 Goose/Burt Lakes last ones "tset"
- ✓ DARK-EYE. JUNCO 1 4/27 Riverview Cem. last one
- ✓ LAP. LONGSPUR 800 3/3 USNWR
- ✓ " " 50 4/16 near Burt, Koss. Co. last ones
- ✓ SMITH'S LONG. 60 4/14 Maynard Reece WPA
- ✓ INDIGO BUNT. 1 5/1 Sharon Bluffs male seen & heard
- ✓ BOBOLINK 1 5/1 Van Buren Co. singing male
- ✓ EASTERN MEADOW 1 3/19 adjacent to Riverview Cem. singing
- ✓ PINE SISKINS 2 5/30 Riverview Cem. pairs were territorial at 2 locations in Algona from early April through May, probable nesting

Jim Fuller reported early arrivals at Lacy Keos. the last of April on IA-BIRDS that I also had at Sharon Bluffs on 5/1: Swainson's Thrush, Nashville W., Black-throated Green, Ovenbird, and Baltimore Oriole. Also Henslow's Sp. in Van Buren Co. Quite a difference from last year's non-arrival.

As you can see, I didn't find any good shorebird spots nearby this spring. Too much water, not enough shore... The woods were so good this year I couldn't have pulled myself away if I had!

I wonder what triggers a big over migration like this year? Hooded, Worm-eating, Cerulean (I did miss those this year!), and Parulas. Parulas probably don't quite fit in the same category as the others because of their northern pop., but they sure were easy to find this year in the NW.