

Season: Summer Year: 1990

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weather was generally cool. Very wet until June 19 when the Des. Moines river flooded over the banks & then bone dry until July 18 (?), wet again ever since. No shorebirds at USNWR, no shore!			
Farded Grebe	1	6/13	USNWR
Western Grebe	1	6/13	USNWR
Am. Wh. Pelican	20	6/9	Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo Co.
Great Egret	2	6/13	USNWR
Cattle Egret	1-2	6/9-	USNWR several sightings of 1 or 2 birds from June 9 on by refuge personnel, no breeding evidence, I didn't see a single one - damn!
Black-crowned N. Heron	22	7/8	USNWR all adults, first juvs. seen on 7/25
Snow Goose	1	-7/22	USNWR present until 7/22
Green-winged Teal	4	7/25	USNWR female with 3 downy young
Shoveler		7/25	USNWR 3 broods seen, probably 10-15 nests this year
Gadwall	6	-7/8	USNWR 3 pairs last seen
Redheads	16±	-7/8	USNWR 8 pairs (approx.) last seen <span style="float: right;">see Ruddy Duck</span>
R. Necked Duck	1	6/18	Goose Lake, Kosciusko Co. 1 male
Lesser Scaup	1	6/13	USNWR 1 female
Hooded Merg.		7/25	USNWR 5 broods seen, several more present
the slough was probably repopulated with minnows up Buff. Creek			
Ruddy Duck		-7/8	<sup>USNWR</sup> there were <u>lots</u> of Ruddys here this year until July 8, but I haven't seen any since & haven't had a chance to ask John Guthrie or Dave Trudeau about them. ?



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OSPREY	1	<sup>early</sup> July	Plum Creek Elk Ranch N. of Algona, Kossuth Co.
Rod Schmidt had	1	perch	in a dead oak over looking Plum Creek
		for most of 1 day	in early July
N. Harrier	1	6/6	near Clarion, Wright Co. female
Swainson's Hawk	1	7/21	intersect. of 169 + Irvington blacktop 3mi S. of Algona
" " adults	2	7/28	same spot as 6/89 + Easter '90 (maybe I'm
" "	1	7/29	3 mi. N. of Algona missing a nest?)
Lesser Yellowlegs	2	7/8	USNWR the first, no records here!
Upland Sandpiper	4-5	6/24	by Sexton, Kossuth Co. in beanfields?
" "	4-5	7/1	near Stinson Prairie, Kossuth Co.
Franklin's Gull	10	6/3	in plowed field by Humboldt, Humboldt Co.
" "	20	6/9	Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo Co.
Herring Gull	1	7/13	Smith Lake, Kossuth Co. 2nd year
I guess, I don't get much practice here.			
Caspian Tern	4	7/13	Smith Lake, Kossuth Co.
Forster's Tern	5	6/6	W. of Hampton, Franklin Co.
<del>Blaz</del> " "	2	6/24	USNWR the most I saw here this year
Black Tern	12	6/13	USNWR numbers dropped after this to a usual 2 or 3
Black-billed Cuckoo	10±	June	along the Des Moines River saw @ about 8
+ heard 2 more, none in July. Yellow-billed were abundant also.			
Yellow-bellied Saps.	Schmidt says they've always nested		
along Plum Creek. We didn't find a nest hole <del>this year</del> like last year, but they were present all summer.			
Pileated Wood.	1	7/21	bridge over the Des. Moines. R., S. side of Algona I almost hit it with my car!



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Cliff Swallow	450	7/29	by Oak Lake N. of Algona
Carolina Wren	2	7/29	across the river on the S. side of Algona
1 singing, 1 in branches		4-6 feet	overhead scolding (pair?) Life Bird
Blue-Gray Gnat.	6	7/1	by Irvington, Kossuth Co. 3 pair, 1 feeding young
Veery	1	6/10	Call St. Park, Kossuth Co. seen
" "	1	7/1	by Irvington heard along Des Moines R.
Wood Thrush	1	6/7	Call St. Park heard, seen on 7/10
Yellow-thr. Vireo	1	6/18	Call St. Park agitated - chasing
2 Blue Jays			, seen again on 7/10
American Redstart	1	- 6/10 (6/19?)	1st year male had territory along Des Moines River N. side of Algona, not seen after flood
Prothonotary Warbler	2	- 7/8	Des Moines R. N. side of Algona pair
" "	1	7/14	1 mile South of nest site. female scolding me, I don't know if it was female from 1st pair with unseen young or a different one, I never made it back to 1st pair after 7/8
Ovenbird	1	7/10	Call St. Park not heard again after 7/10
N. Water Thrush	1	6/1	Riverview Cemetery Algona heard singing & seen
Clay-colored Sp.	1	6/21	W. of Wesley Kossuth Co. heard
on Breeding Bird Survey			still present on 6/24 but not after
Swamp Sparrow	8-10?	6/19	Iowa Lake Marsh, Koss. Co. family group(s)
Orchard Oriole			more common this year, broods in half a dozen places
Red Crossbill	3	7/7-9	feeder in Algona females and/or imm.
described to me as:			ugly gray, greenish, yellowish on rump & sides, sparrow sized, slow & lazy, no white on wings, crossed bills, eating finch feed

I didn't see the crossbills