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Summer started off cool and with a few notable exceptions stayed in the reasonable range. Primarily it was rain, rain and more rain - 10.2" at our place north of Indianola during the week of 6/16. Flooding no doubt seriously affected many ground nesters, but it also made for an abundance of shorebird locations once fall migration started. They were certainly not as concentrated as the past couple of years, but Red Rock Reservoir was a hot spot for unusual species in the month of July. Numbers of terns and gulls started building in mid-July.

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION-COMMENTS</u>
Common Loon	1	7/7	Maffitt Res., Polk Co., IA
Pied-billed Grebe	4	7/11	Lakin Slough, Guthrie Co., IA (one adult and three juveniles)
Am. White Pelican	12	7/21	n.e. Warren Co., IA
Great Blue Heron	31	7/14	Marion/Warren Cos., IA (first notable build up)
Great Egret	1	7/14	Warren Co., IA
Great Egret	1	7/16; 18	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Cattle Egret	10	6/27	n. of Indianola, Warren Co., IA
Cattle Egret	5	7/24	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Canada Goose	146	7/11	Bay's Branch, Guthrie Co., IA
Osprey	1	7/24	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
N. Harrier	2	6/16	Van Buren Co., IA (one definitely female; other was female or possibly a young male)
N. Harrier	1	7/24	s. of Newton, Jasper Co., IA
Am. Coot	7	7/11	Lakin Slough, Guthrie Co., IA (all were young at two different nest sites)
Semipalmated Plover	2	7/21	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Piping Plover	1	7/18	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Am. Avocet	3	7/16	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA (two were still in nice alternate plumage, one was already pretty gray)
Am. Avocet	4	7/18	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA (two were no doubt different birds from two days before; three in alternate plumage and one juvenile; all showed a lot of rust)
Am. Avocet	10	7/22	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Greater Yellowlegs	1	7/14	Warren Co., IA (first of fall)
Lesser Yellowlegs	4	7/11	Warren Co., IA (first of fall)
Solitary Sandpiper	1	7/7	w. Warren Co., IA (first of fall)
Willet	2	7/21	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Spotted Sandpiper	4	7/14	near Swan, Marion Co., IA
Semipalmated Sandpiper	1	7/14	Warren Co., IA (first of fall)
Least Sandpiper	6	7/11	Warren Co., IA (first of fall)
Pectoral Sandpiper	35	7/14	Warren Co., IA (first of fall)
Pectoral Sandpiper	82	7/24	n.e. Warren Co., IA
Stilt Sandpiper	1	7/14	Warren Co., IA (first of fall)

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Short-billed Dowitcher	1	7/14	n. Warren Co., IA (first of fall; identified by call)
Short-billed Dowitcher	6	7/21	n.e. Warren Co., IA (identified by call)
Common Snipe	1	7/14	Warren Co., IA (first of fall)
Wilson's Phalarope	2	7/21	n.e. Warren Co., IA
Ring-billed Gull	11	7/14	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Ring-billed Gull	125	7/24	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Caspian Tern	3	7/14	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Caspian Tern	9	7/16; 18	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Common Tern	1	7/16	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA (dark wedge in wing)
Forster's Tern	8	7/16; 18	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Forster's Tern	19	7/22	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Black Tern	40	7/16; 18; 21	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Short-eared Owl	1	6/16	Van Buren Co., IA (judging by hunting behavior it was probably nesting nearby)
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	3	6/7; 7/14	n. Warren Co., IA (two females, one male; one female was regular through June and July and was joined by two juveniles on 7/14; all have been seen periodically since)
Acadian Flycatcher	2	6/16	Croton Unit, Shimek SF, Lee Co., IA (found the nest in a tree over the stream; these birds also easy to find at Lacey-Keosauqua S.P., Van Buren Co., IA)
Alder Flycatcher	1	6/1, 7, 9	n. Warren Co., IA (identified by call)
Willow Flycatcher	1	6/9	George Wyth SP, Black Hawk Co., IA
Willow Flycatcher	1	7/7	Big Creek W. A., Polk Co., IA
Tree Swallow	700	7/29	w. Johnson Co., IA
Bewick's Wren	2	6/16	Croton Unit, Shimek SF, Lee Co., IA (identified by white stripe over eye and song)
Sedge Wren	1	7/14	n.w. Marion Co., IA
Loggerhead Shrike	10	7/14	n.w. Marion Co., IA (these included a family with four young; becoming more common each year and is now almost a given as you drive the countryside in south central Iowa; seen this summer at eleven different sites in northern half of Warren Co.)
Bell's Vireo	1	6/16	Van Buren Co., IA
Bell's Vireo	2	7/4	Robert's Creek Lake, Marion Co., IA
Bell's Vireo	1	7/7	Big Creek S.P., Polk Co., IA
Bell's Vireo	1	7/14	n. Warren Co., IA
Blue-winged Warbler	3	6/16	Croton Unit, Shimek SF, Lee Co., IA
Tennessee Warbler	1	6/1	n. Warren Co., IA
N. Parula Warbler	6	6/16	Lacey-Keosauqua S.P., Van Buren Co., IA
N. Parula Warbler	2	6/16	Croton Unit, Shimek SF, Lee Co., IA
Yellow-throated Warbler	4	6/16	Lacey-Keosauqua S.P., Van Buren Co., IA
Worm-eating Warbler	1	6/16	Croton Unit, Shimek SF, Lee Co., IA

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Louisiana Waterthrush	2	6/16	Lacey-Keosauqua S.P., Van Buren Co., IA
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Louisiana Waterthrush	1	7/7	Walnut Woods S.P., Polk Co., IA
Kentucky Warbler	1	6/16	Lacey-Keosauqua S.P., Van Buren Co., IA
Kentucky Warbler	5	6/16	Croton Unit, Shimek SF, Lee Co., IA (young had recently fledged and parents almost attacked us)
Yellow-breasted Chat	1	6/16	Croton Unit, Shimek SF, Lee Co., IA
Scarlet Tanager	1	6/16	Croton Unit, Shimek SF, Lee Co., IA
Summer Tanager	1	6/15	Lacey-Keosauqua S.P., Van Buren Co., IA
Blue Grosbeak	1	6/16	near Shimek SF, Lee Co., IA
Lark Sparrow	1	6/10-7/10	n. Warren Co., IA (singing; seen frequently along county roads in Warren and Marion Counties this summer)
Lark Sparrow	5	6/16	near Shimek SF, Lee Co., IA
Lark Sparrow	1	7/7	Big Creek S.P., Polk Co., IA
Henslow's Sparrow	2	6/16	Van Buren Co., IA (singing)
E. Meadowlark			more common in south central Iowa than previous years; seem to be displacing Westerns in some areas
Yellow-headed Blackbird	4	7/7	Brenton's Slough, Dallas Co., IA
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1	7/7	Big Creek W.A., Polk Co., IA
Orchard Oriole	1	6/16	Van Buren Co., IA
Orchard Oriole	8	7/14	Marion Co., IA (three sites)
House Finch	2-6	6/1-	n. Warren Co., IA (first possible nesting outside of city limits that I know of anyway; four fledglings appeared at feeders on 7/8)