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Council Bluffs, Iowa spring 1975 migration report.

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Horned Grebe Uncommon migrant. First reported in Council Bluffs on 4/7 (2 in breeding plumage); small numbers seen in area after that with peak of (50+0 reported on 4/21.

Eared Grebe Uncommon migrants
(2) Council Bluffs. 4/17

White Pelicans Uncommon migrants.
(15) Council Bluffs 4/6
(2) Council Bluffs 4/11
(45) Council Bluffs 4/21

Double-crested Cormorants They were reported regularly during the month of April in our area. Tried to sort out the reports as best I could so that we would not be counting the same birds repeatedly.

- (3) 4/8 Council Bluffs
- (19) 4/9 De Soto Bend Refuge
- (1) 4/12 Council Bluffs
- (5) 4/17 Council Bluffs
- (176) 4/21 Council Bluffs
- (5) 4/23 Council Bluffs
- (6) 4/26 Pacific Junction, Iowa
- (2) 5/10 Glenwood, Iowa

Snowy Egret Uncommon Breeder
(2) 4/19 Lewis & Clark State Park, Monona Co.
T. Bray
(1) 4/27 Pacific Junction, Iowa
E. Conrad G. Chisholm

Black-crowned Night Heron Occasional Migrant
(15) 4/21 Council Bluffs M. Wigg J. Greer

Cattle Egret Occasional Migrant
(3) 2 in breeding plumage. Council Bluffs J. Greer

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White fronted Goose Uncommon migrant
Unusually late migrant (1) 5/3 Council Bluffs
C.&E.Johnson

Canvasback Seen in this area regularly this spring in small
numbers of 2 to 6 Last reported sighting 4/23.

Old Squaw Rare migrant
(1) female 4/5 Pacific Junction, Iowa
R.Green G.Wood
Amale was seen on the same day just a few miles
west of this sighting in Nebr.

Goshawk Rare Migrant
The number of goshawks were down in our area during
the winter also. This is the only sighting reported
to me this spring.
(1) 4/5 Glenwood, Iowa T.Kain J.Delehant

Osprey Uncommon migrant
(1) 4/19 Monona Co. T.Bray

Dunlin Uncommon migrant
(1) 5/17 Pacific Junction, Iowa R.Green

Willet Iowa checklist considers them as rare, but in this
area they are considered occasional to uncommon.
Several were reported in Pacific Junction, Iowa
on May 19.

Chuck-wills-widow Considered casual in Iowa.
One easily called out and seen with the help of a
recording in the early morning on our spring
count day. May 10 J.Greer

Northern Parula Considered a rare migrant with most records from
eastern half of the state.
(1) 4/28 Council Bluffs J.Greer M.Wigg

Sharp-tailed Sparrow A rare migrant

Sharp-tailed Sparrow
cont.

Description of the sighting is enclosed.

5/31 Prairie Rose State Park Harlan, Shelby Co.,
Iowa. T.Bray

Hudsonian Godwit

Considered uncommon to occasional migrant.

(75+) Missouri Valley, Iowa J.Greer
R.Gouchenhour

*No date
or location*

Observers:

- Tanya Bray
- Graham Chisholm
- Evelyn Conrad
- Jim Delehant
- Ruth Gouchenhour
- Ruth Green
- Janet Greer
- Clyde & Emma Johnson
- Teta Kain
- Melba Wigg
- Gertrude Wood

Sincerely,

Melba Wigg