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Dear Tom,

It's the end of May and the Tennesseeans are still singing in the yard. I'm not sure what happened to the shorebirds: did I miss them or have they not arrived yet in this late spring? A few highlights: (all reports are from the Saylorville area unless otherwise noted.)

- ✓ Horned grebe: 2 on 4/9
- ✓ Eared grebe: 1 on 3/26
- ✓ American bittern: 1 at Errington Marsh on 5/6, and
- ✓ Least bittern: 1 at " " on 5/29
- ✓ Cattle egret: 7 at Moeckly prairie 5/20
- ✓ Snow geese: 600 at Big (week 3/11; 1 still present 5/28 (blue phase)
- ✓ Canada Goose: 5300 on 3/4
- ✓ N. Pintail: 1709 on 3/11
- ✓ N. Shoveler: 565 at Terra Lake on 4/5
- ✓ Old Squaw: 1 on 3/18 did not stay long
- ✓ Ruddy duck: a pair at Terra on 5/28; Max 266 on 4/1
- ✓ Virginia rail: 1 at Errington 5/13
- ✓ Carolina <sup>Wren</sup>: 1 in our yard 4/15
- ✓ Marsh Wren: 1 at Errington 5/6
- ✓ Solitary Vireo: 1 was a bit late 5/30 in our yard
- ✓ Blue-winged warbler: 1 on 5/20 in our yard
- ✓ Golden-winged " : 3 occasions, 5/14 - 5/21
- ✓ Yellow-throated " : usual location below Saylorville 5/13
- ✓ Prothonotary " : " " " " 5/15

✓ Worm-eating Warbler: 1, singing, below Sylvanville  
5/13, only the second I have seen here in 15 years

Yellow-headed blackbird: appears to be a large colony at  
Errington marsh

✓ Great-tailed grackle: a male and two females appeared  
at Errington 5/6, and were still present 5/29. These are  
the first I am aware of in Polk Co.

Orchard Oriole: 3 at various sites beginning 5/11

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