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My SPRING 1991 field reports are mostly from Allamakee County — Effigy Mounds National Monument, Harpers Ferry, and Yellow River Forest and from Winneshield County — Cardinal Marsh, Decorah, and Lake Meyer County Park near Calmar. I have also included records obtained on a trip to Rice Lake, Pilot Knob State Park, and Lake Cornelia on May 6.

The first waterfowl were seen at Cardinal Marsh on March 21 when most of the water areas there were covered with ice. A large number of waterfowl were in the area on March 28 and

some lingered into May.

Stormy weather grounded many migrants during late April and the first 3 weeks of May. The most spectacular "fallouts" were noted at Cardinal Marsh on May I and in north central Iowa on May 6. Except for a few common species, the scarcity of most warbler species was alarming. I have included most of the records that I obtained. Common Loon: Singles in breeding plumage were seen at Lake Meyer, Winneshiek Co. on April 25 and at Lake Cornelia, Wright Co. on May 6.

American White Pelican: A flock of 9 was at Cardinal

Marsh on 24 April.

Great Egret: One was seen at Decorah on 16 April and 1 at Cardinal Marsh on 24 April and later dates.

Canada Goose: This species is rapidly increasing.
50 and 2 broods were found at Rice Lake,
Winnebago Co. on 6 May; 2 broods were at Cardinal
Marsh on 10 May.

Northern Pintail: My only records were of 20 at Cardinal Marsh on 28 March and 3 there on 15 April. Redhead: 2 seen at Cardinal Marsh on 10 April. Ring-necked Duck: This was one of the most numerous waterfowl species seen this spring. Peak was 130 at

Cardinal Marsh on 28 March; 2 were still there on 20 May; 120 were at Rice Lake, Winnebago Co. on 6 May.

Lesser Scaup: Peak was 400 at Cordinal Marsh on

28 March and 3 were still there on 20 May.

Common Goldeneye: 126 were on the Mississippi River at Effigy Mounds Nat. Mon. on 11 March.

Bufflehead: First record and peak was 12 at Cardinal Marsh on 28 March.

Ruddy Duck: 60 were at Rice Lake on 6 May.

Osprey: 2 at Effigy Mounds Nat. Mon. on 13 April;

singles at Decorah on 14 & 25 April; and 1 at

Lake Cornelia, Wright Co. on 6 May.

Bald Eagle: Peak was 17 at Effigy Mounds on 16 March.

Common Moorhead: 2 at Cardinal Marsh on 20 May had been found there earlier by Mary Jo Hartogh.

American Coot: Peak was 800 at Cardinal Marshon 15 April.

Bonoparte's Gull: 26 were over the Miss. Riverat Effigy Mounds on 13 April; on 15 April, 1 was seen at Decorah and 4 at Cardinal Marsh.

Black-billed Cuckoo: Singles were seen at Cordinal Marsh on 13 and 20 May and 1 at Decorah on 21 May.

Red-headed Woodpecker: I was back at Decorah on 14 April and several seen thereafter.

Kellow-bellied Sapsucker: 3 in Effigy Mounds on 2 May included 1 excavating a nest hole in an aspen; a 4 was seen at Decorah on 30 May.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: I seen at Decorah on 13 May. Eastern Phoebe: First was 1 at Decorah on 25 March. Tree Swallow: Peak was 1200 at Cardinal Marsh on 1 May.

M.Rough-winged Swallow: First was lat Decorah on 15 April.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: I seen at Decorah on 8 May

Hermit Thrush: First was lat Coordinal Marsh on 10 April.

Wood Thrush: 8 were heard at Effigy Mounds on 11 May.

Solitary Viveo: I seen at Effigy Mounds on 2 May.

Golden-winged Warbler: 38 at Pilot Knob State Park,

Near Forest City on 6 May.

Orange-crowned Warbler: 4 records this spring, compored

to none last spring.

Northern Parula Warbler: 18 at Pilot Knob State Part on 6 May and 1 at Effigy Mounds on 9 May.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: 2 at Effigy Mounds on 9 May.

Magnolia Warbler: 2 at Effigy Mounds on 9 May.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: The most numerous warbler species this spring; peak was 144 at Cardinal Marsh on 1 May; also 50 at Rice Lake on 6 May and 42 at

Cardinal Marsh on 10 May.

Tennessee Warbler: First date and peak were 9 at Cardinal Marsh on 10 May, seen frequently during following 2 weeks.

Palm Warbler: common this spring; peal was 8 at Cardinal Marsh on 1 May and last was lat Yellow River Forest on 11 May. Blackpoll Worbler: 1 at Cardinal Marsh on 10 Mag and 2 there on 13 May (newford and seen)
Cerulean Warbler: 4 at Effigy Mounds on 25 May. American Redstart: peak was 21 at Effigy Mounds on 11 May; 9 at Decovah on 30 May were probably breeding. Northern Waterthrush: several records this spring; peaks were 5 at Pilot Knob State Park on 6 May and 5 at Effigy Mounds on 9 May. Wilson's Warbler: 2 at Effigy Mounds on 9 May. Canada Warbler: 1 at Cardinal Marsh on 13 May. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: conspicuous and numerous in May; first were 8 at Decorah on 3 May; peak was 10 at Effigy Mounds on 11 May. Chipping Sparrow: 2 at Effigy Mounds on I April were early. Fox Sparrow Peak was 7 (some singing) at Cardinal Marsh on 28 March. Lincoln's Sparrow: lat Rice Lake, Winnebago Cr. on 6 May. White-throated Sporrow Peak was 50 at Rice Lake on 6 Mag. Snow Bunting: a male in breeding plumage, near Cardinal Marsh on 21 March was late. Orchard Oriole: 18 near Harpers Ferry on 11 May and 18 pto Lake Meyer on 15 May. Northern Oriole: First were 2 at Effigy Mounds on 27 April. Dennio Carter

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