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FIELD REPORTS - SUMMER 1999

GENERAL TRENDS

Cardinal Marsh was the birding hotspot, as usual, ~~but~~ with some changes, e.g. Least Bittern and Sedge Wren were not found there this summer. In early July, lowering of water levels in two of the smaller ponds produced good shorebird habitat which soon disappeared with the heavy rains of late July.

SPECIES DATA

Pied-billed Grebe: A few at Cardinal Marsh, throughout the period.

Cattle Egret: One ^{in breeding plumage} at Cardinal M. on 7 Jul was only my second record for Winneshiek Co.

Green Heron: numerous at Cardinal M. with a high count of 9 on 17 Jun.

Northern Shoveler: A male was seen at Cardinal M. on 8 and 27 Jun.

Ring-necked Duck: A male and two females were at Cardinal M. on 8 Jun; the male remained through the period.

Hooded Merganser: 2 (in dull plumage) were at Cardinal M. on 22 Jul and 1 on 28 Jul.

Ruddy Duck: A male was doing a courtship display at Cardinal M. on 8 June; a pair was there on 17 Jun.

Cooper's Hawk: Tex Sordahl found a nest ^{♂+♀} with young at Decorah on 19 Jun. I saw one at Cardinal M. on 22 Jun.

These were not fledged. ←

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Broad-winged Hawk: I saw an adult at Effigy Mounds Nat. Mon., Allamakee Co. on 31 Jul.

American Coot: 12 at Cardinal M. on 8 Jun and 4 or so to the end of the period.

Sandhill Crane: 2 (same ones as last year?) were at Cardinal M. throughout the period, no evidence of nesting.

Semipalmated Plover: 1 at Cardinal M. on 13 Jul.

Solitary Sandpiper: First: 3 at Cardinal M. on 7 Jul.

Upland Plover: Larry Reis found singles near Spillville, Winneshiek Co. in June.

Least Sandpiper: 30 at Cardinal M. on 7 Jul.

Short-billed Dowitcher: 1 at Cardinal M. on 7 Jul.

Forster's Tern: 3 at Cardinal M. on 17 Jun.

Black Tern: 7 at Cardinal M. on 28 Jul.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: Present at Cardinal M. throughout the period; no Black-billed were found.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: A few were found in Allamakee and Winneshiek counties.

Red-headed Woodpecker: scarce, e.g. none at Cardinal M., where it usually nests.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Larry Reis found adults feeding young in a nest at Lake Meyer, Winneshiek Co. on 17 Jun. I found 1 at Cardinal M. on 13 Jul.

Willow Flycatcher: Up to 6 at Cardinal M. in June; I also found it in Allamakee Co.

Loggerhead Shrike: I found 2 at Cardinal M. on 13 & 22 Jul and 3 (apparently a family group) on 28 Jul. I have found this species here only once before in 10 years.

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Bell's Vireo: A singing male was at Cardinal M. during June; 2 were seen and heard near Highlandville (a new location) on 1 Jul.

Yellow-throated Vireo: A few were found in Allamakee and Winneshiek counties.

Purple Martin: I can no longer find it in Decorah; Larry Reis located 2 colonies at Fort Atkinson.

Wood Thrush: found in Allamakee and Winneshiek counties.

Cliff Swallow: colonies at many bridges in Winneshiek Co.

Cedar Waxwing: very few

Ovenbird: found in Winneshiek Co.

American Redstart: a few in Allamakee & Winneshiek counties.

Scarlet Tanager: a few in " " " "

Swamp Sparrow: a few singing birds at Cardinal M., as usual.

Dickcissel: numerous and widespread again this year.

Orchard Oriole: Larry Reis found it at Lake Meyer in June. I saw a 1st year male feeding a juvenile at Cardinal M. on 13 Jul.

All records are from Winneshiek Co, unless otherwise noted, and general comments refer to this county.

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