

Jim,

Pinkston

June 2, 1991

I hope this isn't too late.
Sorry. Also, thanks for the nice
card and dollar for Paul Anthony.

Randy

Dear Editor,

Below is my contribution to the spring season 1991 report. This was my first midwest May experience and I was surprised by how consistently diverse a day's list could be.

A fall-out of Vermivora warblers followed a cool front 3-5 May when temperatures dropped to the low 40s. I was out daily in the Iowa City/Hickory Hill Park area 12-19 May. Winds were warm and southerly, and skies cloudy with occasional light rains. Nocturnal passerine migrants seemed to peak in abundance there 12-14 May, when there seemed to be a Tennessee Warbler in every tree singing from dawn to dusk! Migration of these species began to slow significantly by the 19th, and by the 25th the woods were alive with little more than summer residents. This temporal pattern of passerine migration was shifted 5-10 days earlier than I'd expected. The latter half of May was extremely wet with significant flooding along the Cedar and Iowa Rivers.

I was tied to the VA Hospital in Iowa City through March and April and therefore unable to witness the waterfowl migration. My list reflects mostly residual puddlers in Johnson Co.

Location Codes

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| AW = Amana Woods (Iowa Co.) | LK = Lacey-Keosauqua St. Pk. (Van Buren Co.) |
| CM = Cone Marsh (Louisa Co.) | OC = Oakland Cemetery (Johnson Co.) |
| CR = Coralville Reservoir (Johnson Co.) | OCM = Otter Creek Marsh (Tama Co.) |
| CS = Croton Unit, Shimek St. For. (Lee Co.) | SL = Swan Lake (Johnson Co.) |
| HHP = Hickory Hill Park (Johnson Co.) | WP = Williams Prairie (Johnson Co.) |
| IC = Iowa City (Johnson Co.) | |

- Comm. Loon- 2 in Washington Co. 15 May
 Am. Bittern- At least 2 at OCM 28 April
 Green-backed Heron- First at OCM 28 April
 Ross' Goose- Adult at SL 10 April, many obs, see my notes
 N. Pintail- Male at SL 10 April, a pair same location 20 April
 Canvasback- A lone male on SL 20 April
 Greater Scaup- 2 males at farm lake near CM 7 April. A pair at close range on SL 20 April, see notes both sightings.
 Bufflehead- Approx. 30 on SL 10 April and 40 there 20 April
 Turkey Vulture- Flyover OC last week in March
 Cooper's Hawk- First in IC 30 March
 Broad-winged Hawk- 5 over IC 21 April, last was 4 May
 Virginia Rail- 2 at OCM 28 April
 Sora- One at CM 7 April. 20 at OCM 28 April
 Comm. Moorhen- One at SL 20 April
 Lesser Golden-Plover- 30 over OCM 28 April, 23 over IC 12 May
 Osprey- 2 at OCM 28 April
 Bald Eagle- Adults in AW and WP both 28 April
 Sharp-shinned Hawk- First at HHP 21 April, another on 3 May and 2 on 5 May.
 Last over CS 15 May
 Upland Sandpiper- 2 near Homestead (Iowa Co.) 28 April

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Black-billed Cuckoo- First in HHP 5 May, last were 2 at CS 15 May
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo- Good numbers seen 13-24 May, IC, CS
 Comm. Nighthawk- First in IC 8 May. Good numbers moving north 24 May
 Chimney Swift- First in IC approx. 15 April
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird- 3 in CS 15 May, also a female in IC 18-19 May
 Red-headed Woodpecker- First in IC 23 April
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker- First at HHP 21 April, also one in IC 4 May
 N. Flicker- Large numbers in IC early April
 Pileated Woodpecker- one in CS 15 May
 E. Wood-Pewee- First in OC 13 May
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher- First in HHP 18 May, 3 there 19 May
 Acadian Flycatcher- First near WP 28 April, see notes. Several singing
 at CS and LK 15 May
 Alder Flycatcher- One singing rrree-beea at CS 15 May
 Least Flycatcher- First in HHP 5 May, last by voice 14 May
 Great Crested Flycatcher- First in HHP 5 May
 E. Kingbird- First near OCM 28 April
 Purple Martin- First a male over OC 21 March
 Tree Swallow- 50 at CM 7 April
 N. Rough-winged Swallow- 20+ over SL 20 April
 Bank Swallow- 2 over SL 20 April
 Cliff Swallow- Many in IC 22 April
 Barn Swallow- First in IC 18 April
 Blue Jay- Good numbers of northward migrants over IC 10-13 May
 Red-breasted Nuthatch- 1 in IC 5 May
 Brown Creeper- 1 in IC 18 April and 21 April
 Carolina Wren- 1 in HHP 16 May and 18 May
 House Wren- First at CR 20 April
 Winter Wren- 1 at HHP 21 April
 Marsh Wren- 1 at OCM 28 April
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet- First in IC 6 April, last 12 May
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher- First were 3 at OCM 28 April
 Veery- 1 at HHP 13 May
 Gray-cheeked Thrush- 1-2 in HHP area 8-13 May
 Swainson's Thrush- 1-3 in HHP area 11-19 May
 Hermit Thrush- 1 at HHP 13 April, 2 at CR 20 April
 Wood Thrush- First at HHP 5 May
 Gray Catbird- First in IC approx. 1 May
 N. Mockingbird- 1 in Van Buren Co. 15 May
 Brown Thrasher- First at CM 7 April
 White-eyed Vireo- First were 2 in HHP 13 May, at least one remained through 27 May
 Bell's Vireo- 1 in Van Buren Co. 15 May
 Solitary Vireo- 1-2 in IC 4-19 May
 Yellow-throated Vireo- First in IC 12 May
 Warbling Vireo- First in IC 8 May
 Philadelphia Vireo- First in HHP 13 May. Seen regularly there through 17 May
 Red-eyed Vireo- First in HHP 12 May
 Blue-winged Warbler- First in HHP 5 May
 Golden-winged Warbler- 2 or 3 in HHP 5 May, last at CS 15 May
 "Brewster's" Warbler- 1 at HHP 5 May
 Tennessee Warbler- Good numbers (2-30+) in IC 5-19 May
 Nashville Warbler- 1-6 in IC 5-13 May
 N. Parula- 4 each in CS and LK 15 May
 Yellow Warbler- First near WP 28 April
 Chestnut-sided Warbler- 1 in IC 11-17 May

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Magnolia Warbler- 1-4 in HHP/OC 13-19 May
 Yellow-rumped Warbler- 2 at CM 7 April, 40 at CR 20 April, last were
 2 at OCM 28 April
 Black-throated Green Warbler- First in IC 3 May, last at HHP 17 May
 Blackburnian Warbler- First in IC 4 May, last in HHP 19 May
 Palm Warbler- 1 at HHP 13 May
 Blackpoll Warbler- First in OC 14 May, last at HHP 18 May
 Black-and-white Warbler- First in HHP 5 May, last 17 May
 Am. Redstart- First were 6 in HHP 5 May
 Worm-eating Warbler- Ely Ford (LK) on 15 May
 Ovenbird- First at HHP 5 May
 N. Waterthrush- 1 at HHP 12 and 14 May
 Louisiana Waterthrush- 1 at HHP 13 May
 Kentucky Warbler- 1 at CS 15 May
 Mourning Warbler- 1 at HHP 14 May
 Comm. Yellowthroat- First at OCM 28 April
 Yellow-throated Warbler- 1 at LK 15 May
 Wilson's Warbler- First in IC 8 May, peak of 6 in HHP 13 May, last in HHP 14 May
 Canada Warbler- First at HHP 13 May, last were 2 there 27 May
 Yellow-breasted Chat- First at HHP 5 May, there through at least 14 May
 Cerulean Warbler- 1 at CS 15 May
 Scarlet Tanager- First in IC 3 May
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak- First in AW 28 April
 Chipping Sparrow- First at HHP 13 April
 Field Sparrow- First at HHP 13 April
 Vesper Sparrow- First in Johnson Co. 7 April
 Swamp Sparrow- 40 at CM 7 April
 White-throated Sparrow- First in IC 2 March, last in HHP 19 May
 Dark-eyed Junco- Disappeared from IC feeder approx. 17 April
 Lapland Longspur- Flock of longspurs containing at least this species in Johnson Co.
 7 April
 Bobolink- First in IC 13 May
 Yellow-headed Blackbird- 50+ at OCM 28 April
 Rusty Blackbird- A female at CM 7 April
 N. Oriole- First in IC 13 May
 Pine Siskin- A few in IC through 22 April
 Blue Grosbeak- Male near CS 15 May

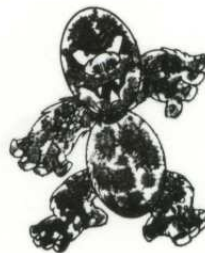
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clavulanate potassium

April 10, 1991 6-7 PM
Swan Lake area (Johnson Co.)

Pied-billed Grebe 4
Ross' Goose 1 ... see notes
Mallard 150
N. Pintail 1 ♂
Blue-winged Teal 300+
N. Shoveler 200
Gadwall 150
Am. Wigeon 30
Ring-necked Duck 175
Lesser Scaup 3
Bufflehead 30
Am. Kestrel 2
Am. Coot 200

Ross' Goose - Only slightly larger than nearby
♂ Mallards. All-white plumage. Abbreviated goose
bill.

-- Randy Pinkston



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 _____ Connecticut Warbler
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 _____ Common Yellowthroat
 _____ Hooded Warbler
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 _____ Yellow-breasted Chat
THRAUPINAE
 _____ #Summer Tanager (S)
 _____ Scarlet Tanager
CARDINALINAE
 _____ 30 Northern Cardinal
 _____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
 _____ #Blue Grosbeak (W)
 _____ Indigo Bunting
 _____ Dickcissel
EMBERIZINAE
 _____ Rufous-sided Towhee
 _____ American Tree Sparrow
 _____ Chipping Sparrow
 _____ Clay-colored Sparrow
 _____ 10 Field Sparrow (h)
 _____ 2 Vesper Sparrow
 _____ Lark Sparrow
 _____ **Lark Bunting
 _____ 5 Savannah Sparrow
 _____ Grasshopper Sparrow
 _____ *Henslow's Sparrow
 _____ Le Conte's Sparrow
 _____ *Sharp-tailed Sparrow
 _____ Fox Sparrow
 _____ 25 Song Sparrow
 _____ Lincoln's Sparrow
 _____ 40 Swamp Sparrow
 _____ 2+ White-throated Sparrow (h)
 _____ White-crowned Sparrow
 _____ Harris' Sparrow
 _____ 4 Dark-eyed Junco (Y)
 _____ (1+) Lapland Longspur
 _____ *Smith's Longspur
 _____ Snow Bunting
ICTERINAE 25 longspur, sp.
 _____ Bobolink
INTC Red-winged Blackbird

_____ 2 Eastern Meadowlark
 _____ 10+ Western Meadowlark
 _____ 40 (Meadowlark species)
 _____ Yellow-headed Blackbird
 _____ 1♀ Rusty Blackbird
 _____ *Brewer's Blackbird
INTC Common Grackle
INTC Brown-headed Cowbird
 _____ Orchard Oriole
 _____ Northern Oriole
FRINGILLIDAE
 _____ Purple Finch
 _____ Red Crossbill
 _____ White-winged Crossbill
 _____ Common Redpoll
 _____ Pine Siskin
 _____ American Goldfinch
 _____ Evening Grosbeak
PASSERIDAE
INTC House Sparrow
CASUAL SPECIES
 (recorded in 4 to 7 of last 10 years)
 _____ **Red-necked Grebe
 _____ **White-faced Ibis
 _____ *Black Scoter
 _____ *Surf Scoter
 _____ **Ferruginous Hawk
 _____ **Whimbrel
 _____ **Black-legged Kittiwake
 _____ *Burrowing Owl
 _____ **Say's Phoebe
 _____ *Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
 _____ *Bewick's Wren
 _____ *Townsend's Solitaire
 _____ **Chestnut-collared Longspur
 _____ *Great-tailed Grackle
 _____ **Pine Grosbeak
 _____ 2 *House Finch (Y)

ACCIDENTAL SPECIES
 (recorded in less than 4 of last 10 yrs)

NOTES:

TNTC = Too Numerous To Count

Y = Yard in Iowa City

Greater Scaup (20⁺) - Large divers in
middle of large lake at "farm"
(Cone Marsh area). Bright white
sides and most of back, black chest
and hindparts. Rounded green to
purplish head. Flapped wings
revealing white stripe well out onto
primaries.

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FIELD CHECKLIST OF IOWA BIRDS

IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION
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DATE: April 7, 1991 TIME: 06:45 to noon

LOCATION(S): Iowa City, Cone Marsh,
Lone Tree (Johnson Co.,

WEATHER: Temp: mild Wind: south
mph from _____

Sky: Clear to partly cloudy

OBSERVER(S): myself, Dad, Jim Schieb

TOTAL SPECIES: 56-58

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NOTES:

Acadian Flycatcher (early date)
 Large Empid, almost a pewee.
 Lethargic. Green above. Yellowish
 below, actually more whitish on
 throat with no contrast between dull
 greenish sides of face and throat.
 Dusky wash on sides of breast.
 2 buff wingbars.
 Indistinct white eye-ring (appeared
 absent at some angles.)
 No vocalizations heard.
 20-30' high in willows around
 farm pond.

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DATE: 28 April 1991 TIME: 5 a.m. to 2 P.m.
 LOCATION(S): I.C. to Otter Creek Marsh
 (Tama Co.), back through Amanas and Iowa Co.
 Amana Woods, Williams Prairie (Johnson Co.)
 WEATHER: Temp: mild, light breeze Wind: mph from
 Sky: clear

OBSERVER(S): Fullers', Schiebs', myself,
 I.C. Bird Club trip TOTAL SPECIES: 75

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