

Field Reports, Summer 2004
Jim Dinsmore

- Eared Grebe-2 on 5 June at Colo Ponds
- Cattle Egret-1 on 5 June at Colo Ponds
- Black-necked Stilt-1 on 5 June at Colo Ponds (found by Hank Zaletel)
- White-rumped Sandpiper-4 on 5 June at Sandhills Lake, Woodbury Co.
2 on 5 June at Colo Ponds
- Wilson's Snipe-1 on 5 June at Colo Ponds

2 June 2004, drive through northern Iowa to check yellowhead colonies

Flooded creek bottom north of Renwick in Humboldt Co., 9 Great Egrets

- + 3 miles north of Corwith in Hancock Co., 19 Franklin's Gulls in flooded field
- + 3 miles west of Titonka in Kossuth Co., 36 Franklin's Gulls in flooded field
Union Slough NWR, more than 100 yellowheads, mostly in pool west of headquarters
and near north end. Also 3 male Northern Shovelers and 1 male Gadwall at north end
- + east of Maynard Reese A, also Alder Flycatcher at Mendelsen Marsh
Maynard Reese A.-Redheads-2 males, Ruddy Duck-4 males, 2 females, ca 25-75
yellowheads
- + Fort Defiance-Alder Flycatcher, Wood Thrush-seen, Red Squirrel-1 seen
Hales Slough-ca 50 yellowheads there, probably more than 100 for all of Spirit Lake
Welch Lake WPA-pair of Ring-necked Ducks, 2 Black Terns over area
- + 2 miles west of Vics Corner, south side of road, in flooded field, Franklin's Gull-25,
+ Ring-billed Gull-125
- + By Little Sioux River, male Great-tailed Grackle flying over marsh
- + Lake Park, pond in housing development south of town, Franklin's Gull-250, Ring-billed
Gull-20, White-rumped Sandpiper-7
Silver Lake-small colony along south side of lake, more on west end, probably a total of
25-100 at lake
Rush Lake-little on lake other than a few Canada Geese
Meinking Marsh-ca 50 Ring-billed Gulls and 1 Great Egret on one goose island, birds
clearly not breeding there and a number of them in juv plumage; at second island,
+ counted at least 125 ringbills and probably more, many were down low in vegetation and
clearly were at nests. Could see two fairly large downy young gulls along the edge of the
island so they have nested this year and have young already.
Dan Green Slough-mostly open with little emergent vegetation, could hear yellowheads
at the far north end of marsh, also a few at far south end by road, probably fewer than 25
on marsh. Also 3 White Pelicans, 2 cormorants, and 37 Black Terns (migrants)
- Round Lake-choked with cattails and mostly redwings but some yellowheads on east side
and probably a total of more than 100 on marsh
- Trumbull Lake-emergent vegetation mostly along west shore and at far north end of lake,
probably more than 100 yellowheads but most far away
- Lost Island Lake-5 white pelicans
- Rush Lake-mostly solid with emergents but many yellowheads obvious, easily the most I
have seen on any lake and more than 100 present
- + Flooded field near south Twin Lake-Franklin's Gull-33, Ring-bill-1

Twin Lake-White Pelican-5, yellowheads-25-100
Near Goose Lake along highway-1 Forster's Tern

4 June 2004, Ledges area

- + Henslow's Sparrow-male singing and seen on restored prairie at north end of Ledges S.P., south of Karl Jungbluths
- Black-billed Cuckoo-1 heard at same area
- Orchard Oriole-1 male seen at Boone Wildlife area near research station

5 June 2004, trip to Sioux City area

Finn Pond-ca 25-100 yellowheads
Owego Wetlands-Willow Flycatcher calling
New Lake-Double-crested Cormorant-5

- + Sandhills Lake, Woodbury Co-White-rumped Sandpiper-4, Pectoral Sandpiper-12
- Blue Lake-fewer than 25 yellowheads, way at south end
- Badger Lake area-young male Orchard Oriole
- Yellow Smoke Park, Crawford Co.-male Orchard Oriole

5 June 2004, Colo Ponds

- + Eared Grebe-2, Cattle Egret-1, Gadwall-2 males, Northern Shoveler-1 male, Redhead-1 male, Ruddy Duck-4 pairs, 3 males, Black-necked Stilt-1, White-rumped Sandpiper-2,
- + Wilson's Snipe-1, Great-tailed Grackel-1 male (south of tracks)
- + Stilt-large black and white shorebird, black on back, back of neck, top of head, white on undersides, very long pinkish legs, bill very long, sliver-thin, and slightly upturned; unmistakable

9 June 2004, Colo Ponds

- + White-faced Ibis-1, faint white band around base of bill, distinct red joints on legs
- Northern Shoveler-1 ratty looking male
- Gadwall-1 pair
- Ruddy Duck-7 pairs, 6 males, bright breeding plumage
- + Wilson's Phalarope-1 male
- Got call in afternoon from Norm War, 232-1090 who had seen ibis and also said he saw Common Moorhen, found ibis but no sign of moorhen

10 June 2004

- + Just north of Slater in flooded field-three Franklin's Gulls

Colo Ponds

- + Eared Grebe-2
- Gadwall-pair
- Ruddy Duck-15-20
- + Wilson's Phalarope-1 male
- + Black-necked Stilt-1
- Upland Sandpiper-1

11 June 2004, BBS route-Upland Sandpiper-2 in SW Boone County
Harrier Marsh, SE Pond—Ring-necked Duck-1 male, Ruddy Duck-4

+ 13 June, Moeckley Prairie, Cattle Egret-14, mostly in full breeding plumage
Also pair of Gray Partridge on road along east side of prairie almost 1 mile to north

14 June 2004, Colo Ponds
Northern Shoveler-1 male, Ruddy Duck-ca 10

15 June 2004, BBS route and northern Iowa
BBS route near Kanawha

+ Cattle Egret-1 in pasture north of Corwith
Northern Harrier-1 female near end of route (stop 45, south of Britt)
Upland Sandpiper-individuals heard at 6 stops, 5 in Hancock and 1 in Kossuth counties

Crystal Hills W.A., -Ruddy Duck-10

+ Myre Slough-counted 9 Black Terns, may be nesting, yellowheads nesting, many coots nesting

Eagle Lake-many yellowheads

Rice Lake (Worth)-American White Pelican-18

Elk Creek-Least Flycatcher calling at Dogwood Ave, American White Pelican-4, Double-crested Cormorant-1, Great Egret-6, Bald Eagle-1 adult

+ Hanlontown Slough-Great Egret-6, Forster's Tern-10, yellowheads nesting

Ventura Marsh-yellowheads nesting (>100), Ruddy Duck-1, Black Tern-4

East Twin Lake-no yellowheads, Double-crested Cormorant-5, White Pelican-8

West Twin Lake-no yellowheads or habitat, Double-crested Cormorant-1

Morse Lake-fewer than 25 yellowheads

Elm Lake-25-100 yellowheads

Big Wall Lake-Am. White Pelican-7 flooded field south of Big Wall-Ring-billed Gull-3

19 June 2004, Ledges State Park

Turkey Vulture-38 circling over roosting area west of park

Broad-winged Hawk-2 flying over river

Yellow-billed Cuckoo-3 calling at once near lookout at Lost Lake trail (2 across river)

Yellow-throated Vireo-1 at north entrance

Yellow-throated Warbler-2 males at north entrance

Gray Partridge-1 on road near Ledges S.P.

20 June 2004, Colo Ponds, along old highway 30

Pied-billed Grebe-5 including one on nest

Mallard-16 males and 1 pair, also two broods, one with large young

Northern Shoveler-1 male

Blue-winged Teal-ca 6 males and one female with brood

Redhead-1 male south of road

Ruddy Duck-7 males, 3 females

American Coot-ca 15 including one on nest

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Killdeer-at least 24
Pectoral Sandpiper-3

23 June 2004, Muskrat Slough

+ American White Pelican-flock of about 100 birds
+ Yellow-headed Blackbird-no sign of any at marsh

24 June 2004, Sny McGill area, Willow Flycatcher-2 calling, no sign of any Dickcissels in either Clayton County, finally found 1 near West Union in Fayette Co.
Volga River Area-American Redstarts very common and singing

25 June 2004, Jackrabbit-in crop field east of Tripoli and north of V43

+ Sandhill Crane-2 very brown adults at south end of Sweet Marsh
+ George Wyth State park-Red-shouldered Hawk calling at west end of Fisher Lake

18 July 2004, Ledges State Park and Boone County

Scarlet Tanager-1 male near wildlife station
Willow Flycatcher-1 calling in lower ledges
Yellow-billed Cuckoo-1 calling
Black-billed Cuckoo-1 calling at Don Williams Lake
Marsh Wren-several calling at Bjorkboda M and private wetland to west (Hamilton Co)
Loggerhead Shrike-2 on wires ½ mile south of Bjorkboda Marsh

21 July 2004, Colo Ponds-ponds along old highway 30 all dry

+ Common Moorhen-one on pond south of railroad tracks

23 July 2004, Carroll, Greene, and Guthrie counties

Swan Lake, Carroll-1 American White Pelican, Spotted Sandpiper-1

Dunbar Slough, near Red Barn-Double-crested Cormorant-1

+ Main Pool-Snow Goose (blue)-2, Double-crested Cormorant-1
Hunter Tract

American White Pelican-61

Great Blue Heron-13

Great Egret-8

Semipalmated Plover-1

Greater Yellowlegs-4

SB Dowitcher-1

Grasshopper Sparrow-1

24 July 2004, Saylorville Area-water level high, no mud flats exposed off of campground #4

Moeckly Prairie: Stilt Sandpiper-1, Least Sandpiper-1

Ring-billed Gulls: Sandpiper beach-1, west end of mile long bridge-7, below dam-3

27 July 2004, Colo bogs, pond south of tracks, with Don Brown

Pied-billed Grebe-at least three broods on pond

Ruddy Duck-7 including one male in breeding plumage

+ Common Moorhen-1 and maybe 2 adults in SW corner of pond, one seems to be on a brood platform

American Coot-at least three broods

Solitary Sandpiper-1

29 July 2004, Ada Hayden Park, drying ponds west of north pond, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Black Tern-ca 10, shorebirds noted: Killdeer, Semipalmated Plover-ca 6, Greater Yellowlegs-1, Lesser Yellowlegs-ca 12, Solitary Sandpiper-several, Spotted Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper

30 July 2004, Ada Hayden Park, drying ponds west of north pond, 8-9:30 a.m.

Killdeer-69, Semipalmated Plover-4, Greater Yellowlegs-4, Lesser Yellowlegs-11, Solitary Sandpiper-9, Spotted Sandpiper-6, Pectoral Sandpiper-61, Least Sandpiper-5, Semipalmated Sandpiper-3

31 July 2004, Adair and Madison counties

+ Adair-Black-billed Cuckoo-3 seen separately perched on fence poles in open, Yellow-billed Cuckoo-1 flying east of Greenfield, Loggerhead Shrike-1 near Meadow Lake
Madison County-Yellow-billed Cuckoo-1 at Pammel Woods S.P.