

SPRING REPORT

6/1/9,

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All reports are from Soyland area, unless otherwise noted.

C. Loon first on 3/16, peak of 7 on 4/4

P.b. Grebe 2 still present on Moebly Prairie, 5/31 (bred last summer)

Horned Grebe 2 on 3/10 were a bit early; 1 in breeding plumage 4/20

Cattle Egret 14 were at Moebly Prairie on 5/15

Swan SP a lone swan was flying through the woods,
up Deer Creek in west Des Moines on 4/10

C. Goose peak of 2300 ~~♂~~ on 3/4

Canvasback peak of 980 on 3/16

B. Eagle peak of 72 on 3/10

Swainson's Hawk 5 between Sny City + Council Bluffs on 5/5

Peregrine 1 at Moebly on 5/6

Virginia Rail 2 at Moebly on 5/6 = PAR Allen

Piping plover this species did not appear this year, perhaps because of abnormally high water, flooding the sand beaches all spring. By 5/31 lake level was 879 @ (Normal 836). Moebly Prairie was the only consistent shorebird ~~habitat~~ habitat in the close Soyland area.

G. Yellowlegs first 1 on 3/17

Willet - 6 on 4/28

Upland SP first returned to Moebly on 4/20

Hudsonian Godwit - 13 at Moebly on 5/??, 1 still on 5/31

White-rump SP - 35 on 5/15 at Moebly

Wilson's Phalarope - peak of 12 on 5/2 at Moebly

R.B. Gull - estimated peak of 50,000 on 3/21

Black turn - peak of 87 at Moxley on 5/18

Y.B. Flycatcher - peak of 7 on 5/18

R.B. Nuthatch - 1 on 5/14 west of DSM

Carolin Wren - 1 on 5/23 & 24 west of DSM

Mockingbird - 1 on 5/19 in Johnston

Blue winged Warbler - 1 on 5/14 west of DSM

Cerulean Warbler - 5 were singing in their usual breeding site at Saylorsville on 5/18

Ovenbird 7 were singing in a 1 mile stretch along the west side of Saylorsville on 5/18. About average for this species that breeds here.

Mourning Warbler - 3 on 5/21 west of DSM

Cray-colored sparrow - 52 were at Brown's Lake near Souders City on 5/5