

Weather certainly had an impact on spring migration this year. Things seemed to be moving at a fairly normal pace early in the season with a smattering of early records but nothing terribly out of the ordinary, and then the monsoon season hit. The cold, rainy weather not only slowed down the normal progression, but it seemed that whenever there was a short break in the storms, the migrants took advantage and just kept moving. Numbers of many species seemed alarmingly low to me. This year has probably been the sparsest migration in my yard in the thirteen years we've lived here. Flycatchers were late arriving, as evidenced by our Big Day count. On a brighter note, the number of Loggerhead Shrikes continues to grow and I would guess there are a fair number nesting in the area now.

SPECIES	DATE	NUMBER	LOCALITY	COUNTY	ST
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COMMON LOON	03/30	1	Maffitt Reservoir	Polk	IA
COMMON LOON	03/30	1	Big Creek SP	Polk	IA
COMMON LOON	04/02	3	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA
✓COMMON LOON	05/13	1	Little Wall Lake	Hamilton	IA
HORNED GREBE	04/21	3	Little Wall Lake	Hamilton	IA
✓EARED GREBE	05/08	1	Moeckly Prairie	Polk	IA
✓AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN first	03/16	1	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
✓DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT	04/20	350	Polk City W.A.	Polk	IA
✓AMERICAN BITTERN early	04/02	1	west of Adel	Dallas	IA
✓AMERICAN BITTERN	04/17	1	Riverton W.A.	Fremont	IA
✓AMERICAN BITTERN	04/21	1	Doolittle Prairie	Story	IA
✓AMERICAN BITTERN	05/13	2	Anderson Lake	Hamilton	IA
✓CATTLE EGRET	05/11	4	Long Pond	Guthrie	IA
✓BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON first	04/18	1	Riverton W.A.	Fremont	IA
✓IBIS SP. unable to see any identifiable marks as to species	05/13	1	near Jewell	Hamilton	IA
✓WOOD DUCK first of year	03/11	6	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
✓CINNAMON TEAL	04/21	1	Colo Ponds	Story	IA
✓AMERICAN WIGEON albino - swimming with male AMWI; same size & shape; buffy color to sides	04/18	1	Riverton W.A.	Fremont	IA
✓GREATER SCAUP round head	04/01	1	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
✓OLDSQUAW female	04/21	1	Little Wall Lake	Hamilton	IA
OSPREY	04/10	1	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA

OSPREY	04/14	1	Des Moines River	Polk	IA
OSPREY	04/17	1	Riverton W.A.	Fremont	IA
OSPREY	04/18	1	Waubonsie SP	Fremont	IA
OSPREY	04/20	1	Polk City W.A.	Polk	IA
OSPREY	05/04	1	Little Wall Lake	Hamilton	IA
OSPREY	05/05	1	Maffitt Reservoir	Polk	IA
OSPREY	05/08	1		Warren	IA
✓ BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE see documentation	05/13	1	yard	Warren	IA
✓ BALD EAGLE all along ice; ice went out by the following day and none were seen	03/10	129	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
✓ RED-SHOULDERED HAWK	03/14	1	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
✓ RED-SHOULDERED HAWK	04/24	1	Badger Creek SP	Madison	IA
✓ RED-SHOULDERED HAWK immature	05/05	1	Brenton's Slough	Dallas	IA
✓ BROAD-WINGED HAWK kettling	04/25	12	south of Moulton	Appanoose	IA
BROAD-WINGED HAWK	05/02	7	e. of Swan	Marion	IA
BROAD-WINGED HAWK	05/04	2	Ledges SP	Boone	IA
✓ SWAINSON'S HAWK kettling with Golden Eagle	04/08	3	129 north of Missouri Valley	Harrison	IA
✓ SWAINSON'S HAWK	04/17	1		Montgomery	IA
✓ RED-TAILED HAWK Krider's - most incredibly white hawk I've ever seen	04/18	1		Ringgold	IA
GOLDEN EAGLE see documentation	04/08	1	129 north of Missouri Valley	Harrison	IA
✓ MERLIN all dark back; tucked in flight; small	04/11	1	near Newton	Jasper	IA
✓ PEREGRINE FALCON perched; hood well seen through scope	04/17	1	near Nebraska City	Fremont	IA
✓ PEREGRINE FALCON small adult; well defined hood	05/05	1	north of Big Creek SP	Polk	IA
VIRGINIA RAIL	05/04	4	Doolittle Prairie	Story	IA
VIRGINIA RAIL	05/13	3	Anderson Lake	Hamilton	IA
✓ SORA first of spring	04/19	1	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
SORA	05/04	7	Anderson Lake	Hamilton	IA
✓ COMMON MOORHEN	05/19	1	northeast of Cedar Falls	Black Hawk	IA

✓ LESSER GOLDEN-PLOVER	04/17	50		Clarke	IA
✓ LESSER GOLDEN-PLOVER	04/17	200		Adams	IA
✓ WILLET	05/07	1	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
✓ HUDSONIAN GODWIT	04/08	11	St. John's W.A.	Harrison	IA
✓ WESTERN SANDPIPER red cap and scapulars; long drooped bill	05/05	2	north of Moeckly Prairie	Polk	IA
✓ WESTERN SANDPIPER red cap & scapulars; markings extending down flanks; long bill drooping at tip	05/12	2	east of Banner Pits	Warren	IA
✓ WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER	05/04	1	northeast of Polk City	Polk	IA
WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER	05/09	3	Near Banner Pits	Warren	IA
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER	04/01	4	Swan Wildlife Area	Warren	IA
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER	05/08	2	northern Polk Co.	Polk	IA
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER	05/12	3	east of Banner Pits	Warren	IA
✓ BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER	05/11	2	Moeckly Prairie	Polk	IA
✓ SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER spotting on neck; white vent; "tu-tu-tu"	05/02	15	s. of Runnells	Polk	IA
✓ SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER salmon color; spotting on neck; "tu-tu"	05/05	8	northeast of Polk City	Polk	IA
✓ SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER salmon color; "tu-tu"; spots on neck	05/08	16	near Banner Pits	Warren	IA
✓ LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER "keek"	04/17	17	Riverton W.A.	Fremont	IA
✓ WILSON'S PHALAROPE	05/05	7	vicinity of Moeckly Prairie	Polk	IA
WILSON'S PHALAROPE	05/07	3	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
THAYER'S GULL see documentation	03/14	2	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
ICELAND GULL see documentation	03/14-16	1	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER	05/08	1	Ledges SP	Boone	IA
✓ EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE first	05/10	1	yard	Warren	IA
✓ YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER identified by yellow wash & call	05/19	2	Ulrich Park, Cedar Falls	Black Hawk	IA
✓ ALDER FLYCATCHER identified by call	05/19	1	Cedar Falls	Black Hawk	IA
✓ LEAST FLYCATCHER first	05/04	1	yard	Warren	IA
LEAST FLYCATCHER	05/08	14	Ledges SP	Boone	IA
✓ EASTERN PHOEBE first	03/25	2	yard	Warren	IA

✓ BARN SWALLOW first	04/08	1	Lewis & Clark SP	Monona	IA
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH	05/06	1	yard	Warren	IA
✓ RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH	05/08	1	Ledges SP	Boone	IA
✓ CAROLINA WREN	05/08	2	Ledges SP	Boone	IA
✓ HOUSE WREN first	04/22	1	yard	Warren	IA
✓ WINTER WREN singing	04/05	1	yard	Warren	IA
✓ WINTER WREN singing	04/06	1	yard	Warren	IA
MARSH WREN	05/04	1	Anderson Lake	Hamilton	IA
✓ RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET	05/06	17	yard	Warren	IA
VEERY	05/11	2	Ledges SP	Boone	IA
✓ GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH first	05/04	1	yard	Warren	IA
GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH	05/08	5	Ledges SP	Boone	IA
✓ SWAINSON'S THRUSH first	05/05	1	yard	Warren	IA
✓ HERMIT THRUSH first	04/03	1	yard	Warren	IA
WOOD THRUSH first	05/10	1	yard	Warren	IA
GRAY CATBIRD first	04/29	1	yard	Warren	IA
BROWN THRASHER first	04/04	1	near Sandyville	Warren	IA
✓ WHITE-EYED VIREO	05/11	1	Ledges SP	Boone	IA
SOLITARY VIREO	05/08	20	Ledges SP	Boone	IA
✓ RED-EYED VIREO first	05/09	1	Lake Ahquabi SP	Warren	IA
✓ BLUE-WINGED WARBLER	05/11	1	Ledges SP	Boone	IA
✓ GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER	05/08	2	Ledges SP	Boone	IA
✓ GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER	05/09	1	Lake Ahquabi SP	Warren	IA
✓ ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER first	05/02	1	yard	Warren	IA
CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER	05/08	5	Ledges SP	Boone	IA
✓ CAPE MAY WARBLER	05/18	1	Sweet Marsh	Bremer	IA
✓ CAPE MAY WARBLER	05/19	1	Cedar Falls	Black Hawk	IA

✓YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER first	04/13	1	Walnut Woods SP	Polk	IA
BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER	05/08	3	Ledges SP	Boone	IA
✓YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER	05/09	1	Lake Ahquabi SP	Warren	IA
CERULEAN WARBLER	05/08	1	Ledges SP	Boone	IA
BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER	05/08	4	Ledges SP	Boone	IA
OVENBIRD	05/08	4	Ledges SP	Boone	IA
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH	05/08	3	Ledges SP	Boone	IA
LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH	05/08	2	Ledges SP	Boone	IA
KENTUCKY WARBLER	05/08	2	Ledges SP	Boone	IA
✓COMMON YELLOWTHROAT first	04/28	1	south of Woodburn	Clarke	IA
SCARLET Tanager	05/18	2	Sweet Marsh	Bremer	IA
✓WESTERN Tanager see documentation	05/07	1	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK first	05/05	1	yard	Warren	IA
✓INDIGO BUNTING first	05/10	1	yard	Warren	IA
AMERICAN TREE SPARROW see documentation	05/18	1	Sweet Marsh	Bremer	IA
CHIPPING SPARROW first	04/07	1	Knoxville	Marion	IA
✓CLAY-COLORED SPARROW	05/07	4	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
✓CLAY-COLORED SPARROW	05/08	3	Ledges SP	Boone	IA
FIELD SPARROW first	04/01	2	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
VESPER SPARROW first	04/01	1	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
LARK SPARROW first	04/20	2	yard	Warren	IA
SAVANNAH SPARROW	05/08	7	northern Polk Co.	Polk	IA
FOX SPARROW not many seen this spring	04/13	1	Walnut Woods SP	Polk	IA
SWAMP SPARROW	04/14	14	Snake Creek Marsh	Greene	IA
✓HARRIS' SPARROW last	05/10	2	yard	Warren	IA
DARK-EYED JUNCO last	04/24	1	west of Earlham	Madison	IA
✓LAPLAND LONGSPUR	04/07	15-20	Cone Marsh	Louisa	IA

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✓ SMITH'S LONGSPUR	04/07	50	Cone Marsh	Louisa	IA
BOBOLINK first	05/08	2	Ledges SP	Boone	IA
✓ YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD first	04/08	1	St. John's W.A.	Harrison	IA
✓ YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD good number in unexpected location	04/17	30		Adams	IA
✓ YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD	04/21	75	near Anderson Lake	Hamilton	IA
NORTHERN ORIOLE first	04/29	1	yard	Warren	IA
PINE SISKIN	05/06	4	Glendale Cemetary	Polk	IA