

5/29/80 Bray

Dear Dr. Kent,

Enclosed are my spring sightings from western Iowa. All the observations were made by Babs Padelford, Sandy Kovanda and myself with the following exceptions;

The sightings at Lake Anita and Prairie Rose State Parks were by Don, Steve, and Tanya Bray.

All the birds seen on May 10 were observed by me and many others during Audubon Society of Omahas' Spring Count.

The notation IPL Settling Pond refers to a set of ponds at the Iowa Power and Light plant near Lake Manawa in Pottawattamie County.

Also a word on the sparcity of warblers listed ~~for~~ western Iowa. Most birders in this area do a lot of birding in Iowa during the waterfowl and shorebird migrations. But in warbler time, we cross back over the river and bird Fontenelle Forest and other parks on the Nebraska side. I'm sure many of these warblers could also be seen in Iowa if there were more accessible parks. Some of the more unusual warblers seen this spring in Douglas and Sappy Counties in Nebraska were; Worm-eating, Golden-winged Black-th Blue, Yellow-throated and Hooded. Northern Parula, Cerulean and Kentucky Warblers can be found nesting in Fontenelle Forest.

The waterfowl migration was very good this year but passering birding a little slow. The lack of rain during the main migration period caused many of the birds to fly over wtihout stopping.

*Sincerely,*

*Tanya Bray*

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SEASON: SPRINGYEAR: 1980

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
Com. loon	1	5-4	LAKE ANITA - <sup>Tanya, Don + Steve Bray</sup> Bird in winter plumage.
"	1	5-10	LAKE MANAWA - <sup>John Upchurch, T. Bray</sup> Jim + Sandy Kouanda
HORNED GREBE	1	4-17	LAKE MANAWA - <sup>T. Bray B. Padelford</sup> M. Wigg S. Kouanda
SNOW GOOSE	2000	3-14	L. MANAWA - <sup>T. Bray</sup> B. Padelford S. Kouanda
"	100,000	3-17	FORNEYS " "
"	6	5-10	I-29 LAKE - PACIFIC JUNCTION
WHITE-FR GOOSE	6	3-17	FORNEYS - B. Padelford - S + J Kouanda
<u>BLACK DUCK</u>	1	3-17	FORNEYS " "
HOODED MERGANSER	3	3-14	LAKE MANAWA - T. Bray - B. Padelford S. Kouanda
	1	3-19	DESOTO BEND N. W. R.
	1 F	4-17	L. Manawa -
	1 M	5-10	IPL SETTLING POND -
Com. Merganser	70	3-14	L. Manawa -
	10	3-17	FORNEYS
	5	3-19	DESOTO BEND
	20	4-5	PRAIRIE ROSE - Tanya - Don - Steve Bray
RED-BR MERGANSER	2	4-5	" "
	3	4-17	LAKE MANAWA
TURKEY VULTURE	1	3-17	FORNEYS
SHARP-SH HAWK	1	3-19	DESOTO BEND
RED-TL HAWK	3	5-4	LAKE ANITA - <sup>T. BRAY</sup> TWO ADULTS WITH 1 EGG IN NEST.
BROAD-WING HAWK	6	4-21	<sup>KLITTING OUT OF TREES</sup> DESOTO BEND - AND BEGINNING TO KETTLE
OSPREY	1	4-21	DESOTO BEND
SEMIPALMATED PLOVER	2	5/8-10	I-29 LAKE AT PACIFIC JUNCTION
WILLET	1	5-8	HAD 1 CRIPPLED LEG

weather extremely dry - all April until mid May.

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LESSER YELLOWLEGS	1	3-14	FORNEY'S
	1	4-17	IPL SETTLING POND
	5	4-21	DESOTO BEND
	30+	5-8	IPL SETTLING POND
PECTORAL SANDPIPER	6	3-14	FORNEYS
	25	5-8	I-29 LAKE-PAC. JUNCTION
	50	5-10	IPL SETTLING POND
COM SNIBE	2	4-17	LAKE MANAWA
BAIRDS SANDPIPER	1	5-8	I-29 LAKE PAC. JUNCTION
LEAST SANDPIPER	6	5-8	" " "
HONG-BI DOWITCHER	17	5-8	" " "
	5	5-10	IPL SETTLING POND
HUDSONIAN GODWIT	3	5-8	FOLSOM LAKE
	7	5-8	IPL SETTLING POND
	5	5-10	" "
<u>MARBLED GODWIT</u>	1	4-17	Field-Pottawattamie Cty. - T. BRAY, M. Wigg S. Kouanda, B. Padelford
WILSON'S PHALAROPE	1	5/8-10	IPL SETTLING POND - NO'S LOW
AM. WOODCOCK	6	5/10	L. Manawa - Woodcock have been using this displaying ground for at least 4 years.
SORA	3	5/10	L. Manawa
PINK-BL GULL	3	3/17 <del>4/17</del>	Forneys
		3/19	DESOTO BEND
	5	4/5	PRAIRIE ROSE-
	50	5/8	IPL SETTLING POND
BONAPARTES GULL	3	5-8	"

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HERRING GULL	1	4-5	PRAIRIE ROSE ST PARK
	1	4-17	L. MANAWA
FRANKLINS GULL	1	4-21	DESOTO Bend
	10	4-17	LAKE MANAWA
	1	5-8	IPL SETTLING POND
	30	5-10	LAKE MANAWA
FORSTER'S TERN	2	5-8	IPL SETTLING POND
	20	5-10	LAKE MANAWA
CASPIAN TERN	2	5-8	IPL SETTLING POND
BLACK TERNS	50+	5-10	"
SCREECH OWL	1	5-10	County Rd - Pottawattamie County
BARRED OWL	1	5-10	" "
GREAT HORNED OWL	2	5-4	LAKE ANITA TWO IMMATURES - JUST OUT OF NEST
<u>CHUCK-WILLS-WIDOW</u>	2	5-10	COUNTY RD - Pottawattamie Cty
WHIP-POOR-WILL	6	5-10	" " " "
(THESE TWO FOUND here EVERY YEAR SINCE AT LEAST 1975)			
CHIMNEY SWIFT	HUN- DREDS	5-8	LAKE MANAWA - The main push of C. Swifts.
YELLOW-AL SAPSUCKER	1	4-17	LAKE MANAWA
EASTERN KINGBIRD	2	5-3	LAKE ANITA - Don Bray, Tanya Bray
LEAST FLYCATCHER	1	5-10	LAKE MANAWA
BANK SWALLOW	100+	5-10	Cut bank near Folsom Lake
EAS. BLUEBIRD	2	5-3	LAKE ANITA - FOUND IN SAME PLACE LAST 3 YRS
GOLDEN-EE KINGLET	2	4-17	LAKE MANAWA
RUBY-CR KINGLET	6	5-3	LAKE ANITA
BEDAR WAXWING	3	5-8	LATEST DATE - GOOD #'S ALL WINTER

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BELL'S VIREO	1	5-10	FOLSOM LAKE
SOLITARY VIREO	1	5-4	LAKE ANITA
RED-EYED VIREO	1	5-4	" "
WARBLING VIREO	SEVERAL	5-4	" "
BLACK + WH. WARBLER	3	5-4	" "
TENN. WARBLER	1	5-10	LAKE MANAWA
ORANGE-CR WARBLER	2	5-4	LAKE ANITA
NASHVILLE WARBLER	2	5-3	" "
YELLOW WARBLER	3	5-4	" "
YELLOW-RMP WARBLER	3	4-17	LAKE MANAWA
PALM WARBLER	25+	5-4	LAKE ANITA - UNUSUALLY COMMON
NO. WATERTHRUSH	1	5-3	" "
YELLOW-HD BLACKBIRD	4	4-17	IPL SETTLING POND
	10	5-8	"
	40	5-10	"
BOBOLINK	2	5-4	LAKE ANITA - SINGING FLIGHT SONG ON TERRITORY
	7m	5-10	FOLSOM LAKE -
DICKCISSEL	5	5-10	"
GRASSHOPPER SPARROW	1	5-4	LAKE ANITA
	1	5-10	I-29 - Pae. Junction
SAVANNAH SPARROW	2	4-17	FIELDS - POTTAWATTAMIE CTY
		4-21	DE SOTO BEND
LINCOLN'S SPARROW	1	4-17	FIELDS - POTT. CTY
FIELD SPARROW		4-17	LAKE MANAWA
SWAMP SPARROW	4	5-3	LAKE ANITA

WATERFOWL

Canada Goose - Jan 24 - APR 5  
 White-fr Goose - Jan 9 - MAR 17  
 Snow Goose - Jan 9 - May 10  
 Mallard - Jan 9 - Summer  
 Gadwall - MAR 17 - MAY 10  
 Pintail - MAR 14 - APR 17  
 Green-wing Teal - MAR 14 - MAY 10  
 Blue-wing Teal - MAR 17 - Summer  
 Amer. Wigeon - MAR 17 - MAY 10  
 No. Shoveler - MAR 17 - MAY 10  
 Wood Duck APR 17 - Summer  
 Redhead - MAR 14 - MAY 10  
 Ring-necked Duck - Jan 21 - MAY 10  
 Canvasback - MAR 17 - MAY 10  
 Lesser Scaup - MAR 14 - MAY 10  
 Common Goldeneye - Jan 9  
 Bufflehead - MAR 17 - MAY 10  
 Ruddy Duck - MAR 17 - MAY 10

A pair of Oldsquaws and six White-wing Scoters were reported at Forneys Lake on March 16 by Gertrude Wood, but could not be found the following day.

Double-cr Cormorant	Lake Manawa	April 17	?
"	DeDoto Bend	April 21	?
"	Lake Manawa	May 8	(1)
"	Lake Manawa	May 10	(3)



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