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Neil Bernstein

Hi Jim,

Not too much to report. It was a big year for grassland birds. Dickcissels were everywhere by June 1. We found two nests on Cayler Prairie without any cowbird eggs around the 8th, and when I left on Friday, one chick was hatched out of 4 eggs. Bobolinks, Grasshopper Sparrows, and Sedge Wrens were also numerous. I found a grasshopper sparrow nest on the new addition to Cayler.

On the other hand, wetland birds were way down. We saw about 6 Ruddy Ducks, a cormorant a pair of Redheads, and a Ring-necked duck at Grovers Lake on 6 June. That would be the last we would see of all of those except for a Ring-neck a few weeks later. There were also 2 Gadwall at a small wetland nearby. We barely saw any Blue-winged Teal (only 2 females). Not many coots either.

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Forester's and Black Terns were around, but in small numbers. Pelicans were also low--about 25 on Marble Lake.

We did see 4 immature Common Loons on Spirit Lake and one was in Little Miller's bay on 17th (sun was behind the bird, so I only had a silhouette).

Turkey Vultures were apparent for the first time. We saw 4 on the 18th (individually). Also, I heard a field sparrow at Lakeside for the first time on the 16th and we also had a bluebird pair on campus that day. (I had not seen bluebirds near Lakeside since 1986. Nearest field sparrows was always Anderson Prairie in Emmet County.

That's about it.

See you,

Neil

2 ♀ Hooded Merganser - 1 June White Lake, Neil Bernstein
Hooded Sandpiper - Prob nested at Cayler - found nest with shells

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