

## 2001 Summer Report

Entered

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Pied-billed Grebe		Errington Marsh, Polk	6	3 pairs summered, but I didn't see any young.
American Bittern	6/30	Errington Marsh, Polk	1	Eugene Armstrong heard one during our heron hunt.
Least Bittern	6/3, 6/7	Errington Marsh, Polk	1	Seen in suitable nesting habitat.
Cattle Egret	6/10	Saylorville Res. Polk	6	Adults in full breeding plumage were circling around the dam. Eventually drifted to the south.
Green Heron	7/15 7/29	Below Saylorville dam Polk City W.A., Polk	2 2	Both pairs acting territorial in suitable nesting habitat.
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	6/7	Errington Marsh, Polk	1	Night heron in immature plumage was circling and calling overhead. Feet extended well behind the tail. Brown mottled wings, heavily streaked neck and upper breast. Based on the time of year, I assume this was last year's bird. No dark cap nor gray coloration on back or wings indicate a Yellow-crowned. Wing pattern and bill different from American Bittern.
Ruddy Duck	7/29	Polk City W.A. Polk	3	Adult pair with a young bird that was capable of flight.
Accipiter, sp.	6/19	Johnston, Polk	1	Brief look, so I couldn't identify to species. A couple of miles from where a pair of Cooper's summered last year.
Black-billed Cuckoo			0	None, zip, nada.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo			many	On the other hand, seemed very numerous in Central Iowa.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		Johnston, Polk	2	Pair present in my yard all summer.
Belted Kingfisher	7/22	Saylorville Res., Polk	7	All grouped around a small pond near Sandpiper Beach.
Red-headed Woodpecker		Saylorville Res		Same old song. Numbers still appear very low in Polk Co.
Tufted Titmouse		Johnston, Polk		Pair raised 3 young in my yard for a first Thompson nesting record.
Bell's Vireo		Red Feather Prairie, Polk	2	Two territories. One sang from trees surrounded by the Saylorville floodwaters.
Bobolink	7/22	Red Feather Prairie, Polk	25	Large flock of young birds showed good nesting success there.
Yellow-headed Blackbird		Errington Marsh		Very common there this year. Seemed to be a male every 20 feet in some pools.
Orchard Oriole	6/23, 7/22, 7/29	Red Feather Prairie, Polk	1-2	

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