FIELD REPORTS FORM for submitting seasonal observations of Iowa birds

Season: Spring Year: 1991

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Use first few lines to give weather and habitat conditions. Use line(s) below species data to give additional details, if needed. Mail to: T. H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City IA 52240 by 1 Mar, 1 Jun, 1 Aug, or 1 Dec.

use initials of obsv. on species line

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS

Weather and other observations: Spring in NW Iowa has been extremely wet (except for Lyon Co. in very NW corner) and slightly cooler than normal. By early May most wetland which were dry from 3-years drought had completely refilled and local flooding was common. Local observeres, as well as myself, seemed to think the spring flights of both warblers and shorebirds was much poorer than usual, but we had no good explanations as to why.

Sightings:

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
American Bittern	1	5/7/91	North of Ocheyedan, Osceola Co.
American Bittern	1	5/8 & 5/16	Jemmerson Slough WMA, Dickinson Co.
Black-crowned Night Heron	6	5/23	Yager Slough WMA, Dickinson Co.
Black-crowned N.H.	11	5/7	Kettleson Hogsback WMA (Hottes Lake), Dickinson Co
Canvasback	4	5/7	2 pairs lingering at Hottes Lake, Dickinson Co. Birds have nested here in past years.
Turkey Vulture	2	5/8	NW of Larchwood, Lyon Co.
Turkey Vulture	5	5/9	SE of Sutherland, O'Brien Co.
Osprey	2	5/9	Dog Creek Co. Park, SE O'Brien Co.
Bald Eagle	1	3/25	Adult, west of Estherville, Emmet Co.
Swainson's Hawk	1	5/8	8 mi. west of Rock Valley, Sioux County.
Red-Tailed Hawk ("Harlan's")	1	3/29	Dog Creek Park, SE O'Brien Co.
Merlin	1	5/7	male: blue-gray back, banded tail, falcon wings; seen in hot pursuit of a Blue-winged teal over marsh, NE of Ocheyedan, Osceola Co.
Eastern Bluebird	**	**	numerous, throughout NW region all season; many nesting in Lyon and Dickinson counties.
Blue Grosbeak	1	5/24	East of Hartley, O'Brien County.