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Summer field reports-jjd

Double-crested Cormorant--4 at Union Sl NWR, 18 June

American White Pelican-30 at Big Wall L., 30 July

Least Bittern-one at Spring Run, 19 June
nest at Deweys Pasture, June, heard at McBreen and 3 corners pond (J
Schaefer)

American Bittern-at Spring Run and McBreen marshes (J Schaefer)

Green-winged Teal--1 male at Harrier Marsh, 19 June

Gadwall-a pair and 1 male, McBreen Marsh, 18 June

Northern Shoveler-2 pairs and 2 males, Dugout Creek Marsh, 18 June;
one pair west of Gilmore City, 19 June

Redhead-26 pairs on one marsh, Spring Run WA, 19 June

Ruddy Duck-pair at Union Sl, 18 June

Bald Eagle-one adult in western Lyon Co., 2 July (Marty Eby)

Northern Harrier-1 at Snake Creek, M, 12 June

Greater Prairie-Chicken--a male displaying in intersection of highways
44 and 169, Dallas Co., 1 May, Bob Myers

Sora-common in Great Lakes region, nest at Deweys Pasture (J Schaefer)

Virginia Rail-common in Great Lakes region, brood at Grovers pond (J
Schaefer)

American Coot-few in Great Lakes region

Sandhill Crane-one young at Otter Creek M (Mike Stegman)

Piping Plover-2 at IPL ponds, 25 June - JJD
2 at IPL ponds, 1 July, 4 pairs at Port Neal, 2 July (Port Neal)

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Semipalmated Sandpiper-15 at Harrier Marsh, 12 June

Bonaparte's Gull-two immatures, 19 June, Meinking Marsh (pink legs, thin, black bill, black smudge behind eye, faint diagonal line on upper wing surface)

Ring-billed Gull-about 75-100 at Meinking Marsh, appeared to be nesting on island, 19 June; in late June, several young were seen on the island, indicating at least some nests hatched successfully (Tim Waltz)

Forster's Tern-6-8 on Grovers Lake, 18 June

Least Tern--4 at IPL ponds on 1 July, 4 pair, 2 with young, at Port Neal, 2 July (birdline)

Black Tern-6-8 on Grovers Lake, 18 June

Barn Owl-three nests at farm of Zelbert Freemyer, near Bedford

Willow Flycatcher-singing, Kossuth Co., Dickinson Co.

Carolina Wren-one singing at Lakeside Laboratory, mid June, Neil Bernstein

Winter Wren-one singing near Giard, Allamakee Co. in mid June (Lisa Hemesath)
one at Pikes Peak S.P., late June (fide Bruce Ehresman)

Bells Vireo-Big Creek SP, one on 17 July

Blue Grosbeak-one at IPL ponds, 25 June

Northern Parula-one at Ledges S.P., 26 June

Black-throated Green Warbler-one singing in White Pine Hollow, mid June (Bill Norris)

Yellow-breasted Chat-one at Walnut Creek NWR, June (Shawn Morrissey)

Eastern Meadowlark-several just west of Estherville, 19 June

Great-tailed Grackle-pair at Otter Creek Marsh in June, Mike Stegman

June was generally fairly cool. There was one stretch of warm weather in the middle of the month and then a spell of fairly heavy rain later in the month. Overall, rainfall was below average in much of the state although southern Iowa remained very wet with many flooded fields.

July started out fairly cool but a blast of hot air hit the state on the 10th with many stations reporting temperatures in the 90s and exceeding 100 for four days with the highest