

Field Reports for Spring 1980

5/28/80

Myers

Eared grebe - April 26 - 2 ♂'s - Willow Slough, Mills Co.

American white pelican - April 26 - many (several thousand) at Riverton + Forney's Lake

Whistling swans - April 11 - 30 birds near Readlyn

Oldsquaw - April 6 at Wyth Lake - Found by Tom Stone Sr. - the bird stayed over a week

Coopers hawk - March 15 - Backbone State Park

Red-Shouldered hawk - May 17 - Dudgeons Lake (Vinton) - bird has been seen many times this spring

Swainson's hawk - The pair arrived back at Hartman's Nature Center on April 22 - they were seen by their last year's nest

Golden eagle - April 12 - Black Hawk Park

Martin - March 15 - Harpers Ferry

Virginia rail - May 11 - Sweet Marsh

Yellow tail - May 11 - Sweet Marsh - see documentation

Common gallinule - May 17 - Dudgeons Lake

Hudsonian godwit - May 10 - Sweet Marsh - at least 12 different birds

Marbled godwit - May 10 - Sweet Marsh - 1 bird

Upland sandpiper - were back at Mark Sand Prairie April 20

Willet - April 19 at Sweet Marsh (1 bird) + May 12 at Nashua (7 birds)

Northern Phalarope - April 26 - Riverton - originally identified by Ross Silcock

Dunlin - May 18 - Sweet Marsh (2 birds)

Stilt sandpiper - May 18 - Sweet Marsh (1 bird)

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Caspian tern - May 18 - Sweet Marsh - (12 birds)

Common tern - May 18 - Sweet Marsh - (2 birds)

Short-eared owl - March 29 - Sweet Marsh

Long-eared owl - April 6 - George Wyth St. Park - (3 birds)

White-eyed vireo - May 4 - Dudgeons Lake

Bell's vireo - May 17 - Dudgeons Lake

Prothonotary warbler - May 17 - Dudgeons Lake (4 birds)

Cape May warbler - May 11 Sweet Marsh (3 birds) and 1 bird
May 12 at Waterloo Greenbelt

Louisiana Waterthrush - April 26 Waubensie State Park - (3 birds)

Western tanager - April 26 - Forney's Lake - see documentation

Henslow's sparrow - April 26 - near Red Oak, Ia.

Note: On March 21 Francis Moore and his wife Peggy and my wife and I were near Grand Island, Neb. watching the sandhill crane migration when Peggy spotted two white birds flying with a group of sandhills. The spotting scope soon showed 2 whooping cranes! This was some distance east of their usual flight path but area residents later told us that they were told to be on the lookout for whoopers this year.

Comments: The migration this spring was not bad but I really never found any big waves. I have 27 warblers now and should get 2-4 more on breeding ground in early June. The weekend of May 17+18 was a good one for the Waterloo Audubon Society. Over the two days we totaled 157 sp. with 6 observers.

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Respectfully Submitted,
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