

8/1/95

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Jim,
Not a great summer, but interesting
enough.

Pied-billed grebe: An adult feeding a tiny chick
was at Errington Marsh 7/9

D.C. Cormorant: 1 was at Soyloville 7/16

G.B. Heron: The Soyloville Rookery seemed to be
abandoned on 6/10. I would be curious to know
if anyone else noted nesting activity there. The
newer colony along 141 also had no activity that
I could see, tho I never entered the area on foot.
I am concerned that the ever increasing population
pressure in Polk Co. is slowly squeezing out various
species.

Cattle Egret: 1 ~~on~~ on the river below Soyloville 6/10

Snow Goose: the Blue phase at Terra Lake thinks he's
a Chinese Goose

G.W. Teal: a molting male was at Errington 7/9

B.W. Teal: 2 at Errington 6/10, 6/19

Shoveler: a molting male was at Errington 7/9, 7/16

Godwit: a male at Errington ^{6/19}, 7/9, 7/16

L-Scarp: a male and 2 ♀ at Terra until 6/11, the ♂ to 7/16

Ruddy Duck: a female at Terra until 6/11

Cooper's Hawk: 1 on 6/10 below Soyloville, 1 in our
yard 7/10

Broad-winged Hawk: I could find none at Yellow Banks park this year, but two were flying above the river below Broadman Hospital 6/10 & 7/3. I think this species is a regular summer resident (and probably breeds) in the Polk Co. Des Moines river valley.

Gray Partridge: 1 near Errington on 7/16

Coot: 1 appeared at Terra on 7/16 and stayed

Shorebirds: It was good to see a variety of species (7 on 7/16; 12 on 7/29) after a dismal Spring season (for me, anyway). None were unusual & numbers were modest (200 N. of Jeter on 7/29)

Upland Sandpiper: 1 calling at Mosely 6/19

Bairds Sp.: 3 at Errington 7/29

Wilson's Phalarope: 1 was at Errington 7/16

Franklin's Gull: 1 returned 7/29 at Soyloville

Ring-billed Gull: a small number summered at Soyloville

Forster's Tern: 17 were returning by 7/29 " "

Black Tern: 18 " " " " " "

Pileated Woodpecker: I have not seen one below Soyloville since 1/1/93

Willow Flycatcher: 1 at Errington 6/19

Western Kingbird: the "Capital birds" were present 7/9

Cliff Swallow: there appeared to be about 2500 on the 17 bridge over Soyloville by 6/19, plus others on other bridges

Sedge wren: this bird is common in many parts of Polk Co.

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Marsh Wren; ~~7~~ were at Errington 7/9
Wood Thrush: a breast again on the west side of Saylorville
Ball's Vireo: 3 in shelter hills of Big Creek 6/11
Parula: 3 singing below Saylorville down on 6/10
Yellow-throated: 1 in usual location below Saylorville 6/10
Cerulean Warbler: the colony that I have visited for
14 summers on the west side of Saylorville was
abandoned this summer. One was present about a
mile south on 6/19, in an area slightly less
visited by humans. Mountain bikers regularly use this
trail.

Prothonotary: 3 below Saylorville 6/10

Ouebird: 6 on the west side of Saylorville 6/19, this
bird seems to be holding on

Summer Tanager: 1 at Brown's Woods 6/4 (♂ ♂)

Dickcissel: this bird continues very common in Polk Co.

Great-tailed Grackle: the three present at Errington
during May, disappeared

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