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FIELD REPORTS - SUMMER 1995

GENERAL TRENDS

The season was rather uneventful. Several supposedly common species seemed scarce. These included American Kestrel, Red-headed Woodpecker, Eastern Kingbird, Eastern Bluebird, Dickcissel, and Northern Oriole.

SPECIES DATA

All Effigy Mounds National Monument records are from Allamakee County. General comments refer to Winneshiek County, including the following localities: Cardinal Marsh, Coon Creek, Decorah, Highlandville, and Lake Meyer County Park.

Wood Duck: High production with broods seen at all water areas.

Northern Harrier: A female was seen near Castalia, Winneshiek Co. on 21 Jun (Breeding Bird Survey). A female and immature were found at Hayden Prairie, Howard Co. on 19 Jul.

Broad-winged Hawk: A single adult was soaring over Effigy Mounds on 24 Jun and 8 Jul.

Common Moorhen: 1 was seen at Cardinal M. in early Jun.

Forster's Tern: 2 were at Little Clear Lake, Pocahontas County and 9 at Rice Lake, Worth Co. on 25 Jul.

Black Tern: 32 were feeding over Pool 9, near Hapers Ferry, Allamakee Co. on 22 Jul.; 10 were over Storm Lake, Buena Vista Co. on 24 Jul.; and 20 at Little Clear Lake, Pocahontas Co. on 25 Jul.

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Ruby-throated Hummingbird: Found in Allamakee, Clayton, and Winneshiek counties.

Red-headed Woodpecker: Uncommon, e.g. only 4 found on BBS in Allamakee and Winneshiek counties on 21 Jun.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: A family group was active throughout the period in birches on the edge of the Effigy Mounds parking lot, also found elsewhere in Allamakee Co.

Acadian Flycatcher: present at Effigy Mounds, as usual.

Willow Flycatcher: Found in several Winneshiek Co. localities, including 6 singing birds at Cardinal M. on 18 Jul.

Least Flycatcher: A singing bird was seen at the usual Highlandville locality (South Bear Creek) on 6 Jul.

Eastern Kingbird: Although family groups were found at Cardinal M. and Lake Meyer, it was generally scarce, e.g. none found on BBS on 21 Jun.

Cliff Swallow: Breeding at many Winneshiek Co. localities, including bridges over small creeks and streams.

Sedge Wren: Common at Hayden Prairie, Howard Co. on 19 Jul. Also, 4 at Morse Lake, Wright Co. on 24 Jul; 1 in Humboldt Co. on 25 Jul; and 3 at Cardinal M. on 27 Jul.

Wood Thrush: A few at Effigy Mounds; also 1 heard at Eagle Lake, Hancock Co. on 25 Jul.

Bell's Vireo: A vigorously scolding bird was seen at Cardinal M. on 18 July. I'd not found it here in previous summers.

Yellow-throated Vireo: Present at Effigy Mounds and in Winneshiek Co.

Blue-winged Warbler: Adults and recently fledged young were found at Coon Creek, Winneshiek Co. on 29 Jun.

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American Redstart: Common in wooded areas in Allamakee and Winneshiek counties. A pair was feeding young in a nest at Effigy Mounds on 24 Jun.

Prothonotary Warbler: At Effigy Mounds throughout the period; also a pair at a nest at Nobles Island, Allamakee County on 10 Jun.

Ovenbird: Found in wooded areas in Allamakee Co. and Winneshiek Co. Most was 11 at Coon Creek, Winneshiek Co. on 29 Jun.

Scarlet Tanager: A few were found in Allamakee and Winneshiek counties.

Dickcissel: Scarce this year, e.g. only 5 found on BBS on 21 Jun.

Swamp Sparrow: A few singing males were at Cardinal M. throughout the period, as usual.

Bobolink: Just a few, e.g. only 2 on BBS, 21 Jun.

Orchard Oriole: In Winneshiek Co., breeding pairs were present throughout the period at Lake Meyer Co. Park and northeast of Decorah. A male was seen at Little Clear Lake, Pochahontas Co. on 25 Jul.

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Good to see you again at the spring I.O.O. meeting. I hope you're having an enjoyable summer.