

7/30/80

Bierman

SUMMER Field notes July 28, 1980

FROM NORTHWEST IOWA, MAINLY CHEROKEE Co.

Cuckoos - number of both species seem to be normal.

WHIP-OR-WILL - singles heard singing on June 8th and July 24th, both in different locations along the Little Sioux River in CHEROKEE Co.

Common Nighthawk - few seen.

BELTED Kingfisher - I feel their numbers may be up slightly from last year

WOODPECKERS - ALL doing well.

EASTERN KINGBIRD - IN my SPRING NOTES I SAID THEIR numbers may be down. I wish to retract THAT AS they are very common now.

BLUE BIRD - I HAD more nest boxes occupied than any year previous. I had 23 successful nestings.

1/30/80
NORTHERN JUNCO - ON JUNE 7th I observed
A SINGING JUNCO AT A FARM GROVE (MANY CONIFEROUS TREES) SOUTH OF CHEROKEE.

HOODED MERRANSER - 1 FEMALE JUNE 2nd IN
PLYMOUTH COUNTY ON A BIG SIOUX RIVER
OVERFLOW POND.

KESTREL - UNCOMMON BUT NESTING IN
N.WEST IOWA.

PHEASANT - EXCELLENT NUMBERS

UPLAND SAND PIPER - ON JULY 25 I observed
AN ADULT ~~AND~~ AND AN IMMATURE, ~~UPON~~
ON A GRAVEL ROAD 1 1/2 MILES WEST OF THE 130 ACRE
STEELE PRAIRIE. I CAPTURED THE YOUNG TO
GET A CLOSE EXAMINATION. IT WAS TOO YOUNG TO
FLY BUT COULD RUN QUITE FAST. THE ADULT WAS
NATURALLY UPSET SO I RELEASED THE YOUNG AND
LEFT. THE NEXT DAY I RETURNED AND OBSERVED
BOTH AGAIN. THIS IS A NESTING RECORD IN CHEROKEE
COUNTY FOR ME. I FEEL THE NEARBY PRAIRIE
HABITAT WAS PROBABLY THE FACTOR FOR THEIR NEST
IN THE AREA.

FRANKLINS GULL - JUNE 29TH I observed 2
FRANKLINS GULLS RESTING AT THE CHEROKEE
SEWAGE LAGOONS.

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