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All birds + birds

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Field Reports - Summer 2005

General Trends

(3rd from SE corner)
One of the smaller ponds at Cardinal Marsh was lowered at the start of the period; this provided good shorebird habitat until the monsoon rains set in, later in July.

Water levels at the other ponds were high, throughout the period, apparently providing ideal nesting conditions for Marsh Wren and Yellow-headed Blackbird. Both were unusually numerous at Cardinal Marsh. Am. Coot were scarce.

Species Data - All records from Winneshiek Co., unless otherwise noted

- ✓ Hooded Merganser: 1 female on 2 Jun at Cardinal Marsh.
- ✓ Gray Partridge: 3 on 9 Jun, NE of Postville, Allamakee Co.
- ✓ Pied-billed Grebe: a family group (5) ^{↑ on 9 Jun} at a farm pond, NE of Postville, Allamakee Co.; also a family of 6 from 23 Jun to the end of the period at Cardinal M.
- ✓ Least Bittern: 1 on 4 Jul at Cardinal M. (Larry Reis)
- ✓ Green Heron: up to 6 during Jul at Cardinal M.
- ✓ Black-crowned Night Heron: 1 Ad. on 4 Jul at Cardinal M.
- ✓ Turkey Vulture: 60 on 1 Jul at Decorah
- ✓ Cooper's Hawk: noted at Cardinal M., Decorah, and Lake Meyer.
- ✓ Common Moorhen: 1 Ad. on 11 Jul at Cardinal M.
- ✓ Sandhill Crane: 4 on 2 Jun at Cardinal M.; also 1 on 1 Jul.
- ✓ Semipalmated Plover: 6 on 2 Jun at Cardinal M.
- ✓ Lesser Yellowlegs: 2 on 4 Jul at Cardinal M.
- ✓ Solitary Sandpiper: First: 1 on 26 Jul at Cardinal M.
- ✓ Willet: 1 in basic plumage on 4 Jul at Cardinal M., 1st non-spring record.
- ✓ Semipalmated Sandpiper: Lost: 35 on 6 Jun at Cardinal M.
- ✓ Least Sandpiper: 25 on 6 Jun, 3 on 1 Jul, and 15 on 4 Jul at Cardinal Marsh.

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- ✓ White-rumped Sandpiper: 6 on 6 Jun at Cardinal M.
- ✓ Short-billed Dowitcher: Singles on 1 and 11 Jul at Cardinal M.
- ✓ Black Tern: 7 on 6 Jun and 1 on 11 Jun at Cardinal M.
- ✓ Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 on 30 Jun at Fort Atkinson (Chipera Prairie)
- ✓ Yellow-billed Cuckoo: unusually widespread
- ✓ Ruby-throated Hummingbird: Female on nest in early Jun at Burr Oak.
- ✓ Red-headed Woodpecker: still scarce and locally distributed.
- ✓ Willow Flycatcher: up to 6 singing birds at Cardinal M.
- ✓ Yellow-throated Vireo: found in most wooded areas.
- ✓ Sedge Wren: present at Cardinal Marsh and Chipera Prairie
- ✓ Wood Thrush: found in heavily-wooded areas.
- ✓ Cedar Waxwing: nest-building noted on 24 Jul at Decora (Seed Savers).
- ✓ Blue-winged Warbler: present at Burr Oak; also 2 on 24 Jul at Decora (Seed Savers Farm).
- ✓ American Redstart: present in wooded areas.
- ✓ Ovenbird: found in heavily-wooded areas.
- ✓ Scarlet Tanager: " " " " " "
- ✓ Eastern Towhee: locally common
- ✓ Grasshopper Sparrow: singing bird seen on 4 Jul at Cardinal M.
- ✓ Swamp Sparrow: a few at Cardinal M., as usual.
- ✓ Dickcissel: numerous, especially at Cardinal M. where young birds were seen with adults on 26 Jul.
- ✓ Bobolink: at Cardinal M. to 26 Jul, when molting adult males and others in fall plumage were seen.
- ✓ Orchard Oriole: family group seen on 1 Jul at Cardinal M.; also present at Burr Oak and Lake Meyer.

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