

7/31/80
Bray

July 29, 1980

Dear Tom,

Am sending a very short summer report. Vacations and truly miserable weather have resulted in very little birding here the past few months.

Last summer a 50' strip of cottonwoods and willows along the stream at the settling ponds was completely cut down in the name of "erosion control". Consequently, the Bell's Vireos Willow Flycatchers, and cuckoos seen there in past years were replaced by Dickcissels, Grasspoper Sparrows, and meadowlarks. This type of cutting is going on in Nebraska also.

Many of us here feel there has been no noticeable decrease in dickcissel populations; if anything, they seem to be increasing. Perhaps this is because we are more aware of them, but they seem to fill the available habitat and are even found on empty lots in Bellevue and the edges of Omaha.

Hope you have had an interesting summer "back east".

Janya Bray

P.S. I was uncertain when this report was due. Could you send me the schedule?

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OTHER OBSERVERS: _____

SEASON: SUMMERSandy KovandaYEAR: 1980Loren and Babs Padelford

WEATHER/HABITAT: describe any unusual features at bottom of page

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
WHITE PELICAN	8	6-6-80	FORNEY'S LAKE - T. Bray, S. Kovanda, B. Padelford
DOV-CK CORMORANT	4	6-6-80	" " " " "
GREAT BLUE HERON	11	6-6-80	" " " " "
LEAST BITTERN	3	6-6-80	" " " " "
AMER. BITTERN	1	"	" " " " "
SNOW GOOSE	3	"	" " " " "
PINTAIL	12	"	" " " " "
GREEN-W TEAL	2	"	" " " " "
WOOD DUCK	507	7-24-80	IPH SETTLING POND - "many young"
CANVAS BACK	1	6-6-80	FORNEY'S LAKE T. Bray, S. Kovanda, B. Padelford
REDHEAD	2	"	" " " " "
Ruddy Duck	10	"	" " " " "
RED-BR MERGANSER	2	"	" " " " "
SPOTTED SANDPIPER	10	7-24-80	SETTLING POND " " "
WHITE-RMPED SANDP	7	6-6-80	FORNEY'S LAKE " " "
LESSER YELLOWLEGS	1	7-20-80	SETTLING POND - LOREN & BABS Padelford
" "	2	7-24-80	" " T. Bray, S. Kovanda, B. Padelford
LEAST SANDPIPER	3	7-24-80	" " " " "
LONG-B DOWITCHER	1	7-24-80	" " - Idem by call
SEMIPALMATED SAND	4	7-24-80	" " S. Kovanda, B. Padelford, T. Bray
SEMIPALMATED Plover	4	7-24-	" " " " "
FRANKLINS GULL	207	6-6-80	FORNEY'S LAKE " " "
FORSTER'S TERN	2	"	" " " " "
LEAST TERN	1	"	" " " " "
BLACK TERN	4	"	" " " " "

