

Summer Field Report, 2003

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Common Moorhen (KLP and SSP)

- 2 to 3 heard on 01 June at Silver Lake Marsh WMA in northwestern Worth County

Caspian Tern (KLP and SSP)

- 4 adults seen on 29 July at Jester Park in Polk County

- All four were essentially in basic plumage (fairly extensive amount of white on forehead, on front part of crown, and immediately around eyes); they likely were nonbreeders this year.

Forster's Tern (KLP and SSP)

- 2 adults and 1 juvenile (black mask; light forehead, crown, and nape; dark-centered tertials) on 29 July at Jester Park in Polk County

Western Kingbird (KLP and SSP)

- 1 seen on 07 July on utility lines along hayfield in southern Jackson Township, northwestern Harrison County

Dickcissel was amazingly abundant in grassland and agricultural portions of the Loess Hills and adjacent areas in Harrison, Monona, Woodbury, and Plymouth counties. This was based on a day's worth of driving country roads on 07 July (KLP and SSP).

Green-winged Teal

1♂, 3♀ on 1 Jun at Silver L m WMA