

CONTRIBUTOR: Barbara Wilson

OTHER OBSERVERS: Ross Silcock

SEASON: June, July

YEAR: 1980

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

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
✓ Franklin's Gull	1	July 2	imm. Willow Slough
	1	July 3	immature IPL Settling Pond, S. of Council Bluffs
	1	July 5	adult Willow Slough
✓ Black Tern			present usually but not every day at Willow Slough, up to 30 birds
✓ Belted Kingfisher	1 or 2		present all summer at Wilson farm, NE Mills County, where they usually aren't
Willow Flycatcher			resident at Willow Slough
✓ Sedge Wren	at least 7 singers	<del>July 28</del> July 28, 31	in reed Canary Grass at "Goose Lake" a former lake in NE Mills County. One carrying dead grass to one spot July 31. Inconspicuous - may have been there a long time without my noticing.
Wood Thrush			Resident at Willow Slough + woods along Nishnabotna River
Eastern Bluebird			fledging from nests on Wilson farm, NE Mills County
		5 young	June 4
		3 young	re-nest of above pair. July 24-25
		2 young	another pair July 10
Loggerhead Shrike			occasional birds around the country - normal
Belted Kingfisher			resident at Willow Slough
✓ American Redstart			more than last year resident at Willow Slough, and some in wood along Nishnabotna River
✓ Blue Grosbeak	2♂	July 3	dead on road between Glenwood + Malvern
	2♀	July 13, 17	seen by Ross Silcock resident (singing) at Willow Slough
Dickcissel			numerous this year!

"settling ponds" = settling ponds at Iowa Power + Light generating plant south of Council Bluffs.

Willow Slough is in NE Mills County, Iowa  
~~Ferry's Lake is in~~

Documentation available for gallinule or wren if you want it

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Dry! Hail June 15

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Hail hit June 15, killing some birds and destroying many exposed nests. Singing increased noticeably for the next few days as the birds apparently claimed empty territories.			
<u>Eared Grebe</u>	1	June 1, 2	Very obviously the companion of a Ruddy Duck. Willow Slough. Follows it around, watches as it sleeps.
<u>Pied-billed Grebe</u>			Began nesting in Willow Slough in late June, and at the settling ponds south of Council Bluffs mid June. The number present, mainly non-breeders, has increased steadily since <del>late</del> late June.
<u>White Pelican</u>	128	July 19	Forney's lake
<u>Green Heron</u>	2 <sup>+</sup>		Resident at Willow Slough
<u>Least Bittern</u>	2 <sup>+</sup>	June 16, 26	Presumably resident at Willow Slough
<u>White-fronted Goose</u>	1	June 1, 2	with 16 Snow + Blue Geese at Willow Slough
<u>Snow Goose</u>			after June 2, only cripples at Willow Slough
<u>Ducks resident in SW Iowa but without evidence of breeding:</u> Gadwall, American Wigeon, N. Shoveler, Ring-necked Duck, Ruddy Duck.			
<u>Breeding ducks: Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, Wood Duck</u> The largest of 3 Mallard broods was 3 - not great success			
<u>Canvas back</u>	♂♀	June 1, 2, 7	Willow Slough
	♂	July 19	Forney's lake
<u>Sora</u>	1	July 12	"Goose Lake", a former lake now marsh in NE Mills County
<u>Common Gallinule</u>	1	July 9	Willow Slough
<u>Woodcock</u>	1	June 18	dead, Wilson farm, NE Mills County. Hail casualty of Further evidence of a breeding population!
<u>Solitary Sandpiper</u>		July 22	NE Mills County
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<u>Lesser Yellowlegs</u>		July 8	" " Mills County
<u>Pectoral Sandpiper</u>		July 8	" " " "