

Dubuque - Summer 1980
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late

Robert Walton and his Youth Conservation Corps took a count July 17 at Swiss Valley Nature Center as follows:

- 5 Great Blue Heron
- 7 Kingfisher
- 1 Whippoorwill (scarce this summer)
- 5 Pilated Woodpecker
- 2 Acadian Flycatcher
- 1 Great Crested Flycatcher
- 33 Hedge Wren
- 1 Bell's Vireo
- 1 Blue-wing Warbler
- 3 Ovenbird
- 17 Bobolinks
- 1 Orchard Oriole
- 3 Scarlet Tanager

at Finley's Landing Dubuque County Park they reported several ~~one~~ woodcock and ruffed grouse (one of each April 5 G.C.) also an adult ~~to~~ Bald Eagle^{7/28} flying and perched (they have been reported nesting near Cassville Wis. by Terry Ingram of Eagle Valley Environmentalist).

This summer in our yard in mid-Dubuque we had a pair of Great Horned Owls Apr. 28, and one young has been heard (and seen) calling each evening at dusk July 5 - Aug. 5 until the parent comes in to feed it.

a pair of Louisiana Waterthrush ~~found~~ seen by a visitor from N.Y. state verified by Robert Walton, July 22 at Swiss Valley, believed nesting.

There seems to be an increase in both cuckoos, as we have heard at least one on every outing this summer.

Only one pair of yellow headed blackbirds nesting this year at Mud Lake County Park No. of DeLueque. Possibly 6-8 pairs about 3 years ago but decreasing since then.

Bluebirds at Swiss Valley are down to 3-4 pairs nesting this year from maybe 20 pairs 2-3 years ago.

Last year from mid-August on for a couple or three weeks we had 200-300 purple martins roost in the bush in our yard. This year there are no roosters, as yet. (8/20)