

Black 8/2/80

Pleasantville La
50225

July 30, 1980

Dear Tam; - My reports are always too voluminous for you to wade thru so I will understand if you delete most.

On July 12, Wilma Kaldenberg reported 1 Yel. Crowned Night Heron at Kaman Lake in Jasper County, says she has seen them there each summer for many years, presumed nesting as there during nesting season each year. She has lived in the Maurice La area for many years & I have found her reliable. That is the only report of Night Herons this year.

Great Blue Herons began to build up in mid July with 14 seen west of Mile Long on July 18 and 30 at west end of Refuge on Runnells flats on July 25.

Sincerely,

Gladys Black

Greetings to your father
Fred Lent whom I admire so
very much.

Summer 1980
Red Rock Lake & Refuge (26,500A) of Black
and Pleasantville area

Turkey Vulture - One nest with 1 egg Apr 27
in south Elk Rock State Park. Later
predated - in old chicken house.

On July 29 a nest in a small Rock
Cave with 1 young + 1 adult in it (possibly
2 yg) the yg about 1 month old, still
snow white. This is same site of a nesting
about 5 years ago, in a sandstone cliff in
North Elk Rock State Park.

Bob White - Count down, no young
seen.

Belted Kingfisher very scarce
Nighthawk ^{scarce}
Chimney Swift - 9 over Pleasantville
in late July (compared to hundreds
before we got natural gas + the subsequent
closing of chimneys)

Whip-poor-will - scarce. A few heard
in wooded areas of bluff in Refuge +
Lake area.

Ruby throated Hummingbird - none except
7 (4♂, 3♀) at Paul Felsing sanctuary
in woods near So. end Red Rock dam

Red-headed Woodpecker - fair population

Eastern Kingbird - scarce, only 1 pair
in my old shrubby pasture.

Eastern Phoebe - only 1 nest located
5 yg fledged on first nesting.

- 2) Least Flycatcher - have seen Black
Wood Pewee - " " or heard
Cliff Swallow - fewer on Mile Long
Bridge + Red Rock dam than in past
years.
Purple Martin - cannot down, with
no birds in boxes that had 'em for years,
House Wren - had as numerous as
in past years.
Bewick's Wren - none, last pair here
about 15 years ago.
Carolina Wren - none
Mockingbirds - none prior to 1977
I had 6 pairs in old pastures for 20
years.
Brown Thrasher - fewer nesting
in the old CCA pasture + elsewhere.
Wood Thrush - 1 pair at Felings
Bluebird - none in Pleasantville
area, 1 pair nested successfully
twice at Felings. A report of 3
boxes occupied on a tree farm in
Clarke County. 1 pair E. of Knoville,
Cedar Waxwings - 1 pair nested in Phille
and 1 pair on VA Hospital grounds
in Knoville
L. Shrikes - 3 pairs nested successfully,
5 + 6 yg. fledged, SE of Phille. Last year it
was 4 pairs.

3) Red Rock

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Bell's Vireo - none

Yellow warbler - 1 pair in old 60 A pasture

Ovenbirds - none on the wooded bluff where they have nested for years. The woods burned in April leaving only bare earth.

Yellowthroat - few, not as numerous as 10 years ago.

Yellow-breasted Chat - 1 singing ♂ at

Rock Island Crossing SW of Pville and another ♂ 1 mile SE but could not find them later in June.

Redstarts - 1 pair along Rock Island Rte in June.

Bobolink - fewer, none in pastures where previously nesting. None nested in Elk Rock Park. Half a dozen pairs nested on James Templeton farm on south side of Refuge, half a mile west of Highway 14.

Orchard Orioles - None, not even 1 pair in 60 A. pasture where they have nested for years (24 years)

Northern Oriole - several commented that they were more numerous than usual. I'm sure they are crowded in areas because of bulldozing of trees, widespread in the area this year, over

- 4) Scarlet Tanagers - none Black
Summer Tanager - 1 ♂ at Felsing; in May
1 pair at Delta La in May (Ed Crocker's
report of 1 ♂ at Starb Lake)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak - fair numbers
but not as numerous as 2 years ago
Rufous-sided Towhees - few
Grasshopper Sparrow - none seen
all summer.
Verber Sparrow - 1 pair
Lark Sparrow - 1 pair SW of Puddle
Chipping Sparrow - not as numerous
as in past years
Song Sparrow - not as numerous

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