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Summer season field notes, from Jim Dinsmore

Common Loon- 2 birds seen during June and July at Clear L, Cero Gordo Co by Myra Niemeier, (a Ph D in ornithology)

Western Grebe- one at Trumbull L, Clay Co on 5 June (JD), see attached documentation form

White Pelican- none seen in Iowa Great Lakes region, first time I have missed them in 4 years

Green Heron- nesting at Deweys Pasture WMA, Clay Co (JD)

Cattle Egret- one at Dan Green Slough, Clay Co, 5 Jun

Black-crowned Night Heron- small colony, about 20 birds but only found 3 nests on Hottes L, Dickinson Co, 6 June, only one nest had three young on 11 July. The species was very common at Lost Island Marsh, Palo Alto Co on 11 and 12 July.

American Bittern-on 5 June, one at Dan Green Slough and another at Deweys Pasture, Clay Co., also heard one at Big Wall L, Wright Co on 28 June

Canada Goose- had a very good nesting year with broods numerous in the Deweys Pasture area on 5-6 June

Black Duck- one at Dan Green Slough, 5 June

Redhead- 30 on Mud L on 5 June (Palo Alto Co) and a brood at Lost Island Slough, Palo Alto Co, on 12 July

Lesser Scaup one male at Trumbull L, Clay Co, 5 June

Cooper's Hawk - one seen at Lake Wapello, Davis Co 9 June

Red-shouldered Hawk- one nest in Allamakee Co had 2 yg up to mid June but then at least one was lost (fide Tim Mason, Effigy Mounds Natl. Monument). Also a pair was seen in northern Clayton Co on 31 May and may have been nesting but nest not found (fide Larry Stone)

Broad-winged Hawk- one at Lake Wapello, Davis Co on 9 June
Also an adult and one immature were seen at Ledges State Park on 20 June by John Robinson, a student here at Iowa State.

Spotted Sandpiper- one at Hendrickson Marsh, Story Co on 14 June,

Pectoral Sandpiper- one at Dan Green Slough, Clay Co on 11 July

Wilson's Phalarope-one seen several times at Silver Lake fen, Dickinson Co. in late June and early July by Ed Miller and Randy Johnson, both students who have taken ornithology from me and know the species. From their descriptions, the bird might have been nesting there.

American Coot- a pair nested on borrow pit just west of Ames in Boone Co (fide Lloyd Crim) this summer. Not usual to find them nesting here. Common nester in Iowa Great Lakes region this summer.

Ring-billed Gull- 1 at Smith Slough, Clay Co on 5 June; 3 at Little Wall Lake, Hamilton Co on 28 June

Forster's Tern- seen at Dan Green Slough and Round Lake, Clay Co on 5 June; Barringer's Slough, Clay Co, Eagle L, Hancock Co and Big Wall Lake, on 6 June. Prob. nested in all those places except Barringer's Slough

Willow Flycatcher- several seen in Deweys Pasture area, 5-6 June, also one at Hendrickson Marsh, Story Co on 14 June. In both places the birds gave the "fitz-boo" call.

Least Flycatcher- one calling at Smith Slough, Clay co on 12 July

Tree Swallow common at Hendrickson M on 14 June, at Big Wall Lake, 28 June, and Smith Slough, Clay Co on 11-12 July

Short-billed Marsh Wren- common in Ruthven area, 11-12 July

Red-eyed Vireo-common at Lake Wapello, Davis Co on 8-10 June

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher- very common at Lake Wapello, Davis Co, 8-10 June

Yellow Warbler- Common at Smith Slough and Trumbull Lake area, Clay Co. on 5-6 June with several nests found.

Ovenbird- very common at Lake Wapello, Davis Co, on 8-10 June

Swamp Sparrow- Common in marshes ~~near Ruthven~~ in Iowa Great Lakes region in early June and July

Burrowing Owl- had a good report of a pair nesting in Palo Alto Co. This was seen in May and early June by a former student of mine, Craig Roberg.

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