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I was about to write a summer report when I thought to check the due dates, and discovered that it should have reached you by August 1. Perhaps the following remarks can still be incorporated into your Iowa summer report.

Great Blue Heron: very scarce this summer, probably because of exceptionally dry conditions

✓ Least Bittern: I observed one on July 22 at Rush Lake near Ocheydan, Osceola Co.

Bob-white: continue to do beautifully.

Shorebirds: the first Pectoral and Solitary Sandpipers arrived on July 19.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: exceptionally abundant this summer in Sioux Co.

Common Flicker: obviously enjoyed an excellent nesting season, as I have never seen so many of them around here as this summer.

Western Kingbird: I observed only one <sup>in Sioux Co.</sup>. They were nesting just across the border in South Dakota (a nest with young in a Russian Olive at the Sioux Falls airport).

Tree Swallow: a pair nested in a bluebird box at Oak Grove State Park, Sioux Co.

Purple Martin: abundant this summer in Sioux Center.

Wood Thrush: very scarce this summer.

✓ Yellow-breasted Chat: Del Te Paske reported two of them in his yard in Sioux Center on July 30.

Grasshopper Sparrow: they enjoyed a very good season, and are exceptionally common in western Sioux Co.

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