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Dear Tom,

Will try to get part of my spring report written now and add in anything new I get over the weekend to this. As in past spring reports, I have included records from students in my ornithology class, after screening out dubious records, and have listed them as ISU. I had fewer birds reported this year than in past and many of the better records were from John Robinson and Joe Schaufenbuel who said they would send them directly to you. The early semester system didn't help me as we were in final exams the week after the IOU meeting and that was the peak warbler week here in Ames.

- ✓ Common Loon 1 at Ames on 11 Apr ^{ISU} the only one reported to me
at Ames 17 April Steve Dinsmore
 - ✓ Eared Grebe 1 at Saylorville L on 28 March, Mark Ryan
 - ✓ Double-crested Cormorant one on Hendrickson M on 28 Apr ISU
didn't have as many this year as in recent past
 - ✓ White Pelican 4 on Trumbull L, Clay Co on 20 May JJD
none reported to me from Ames area
 - ✓ Great Blue Heron 1 near Colo on 22 March by Linda Zaletel was earliest
 - ✓ Green Heron one near Nevada 21 Apr ISU, earliest
 - ✓ Cattle Egret one at Deweys Pasture, Clay Co on 16 May, Rex Johnson
 - ✓ Great Egret one at Ames, 11 Apr ISU, one at Hendrickson M 22 May Steve Dinsmore
 - ✓ American Bittern several seen and heard at Deweys Pasture, 21 May JJD
one at Hendrickson M, 4 Apr Steve Dinsmore, G. Brown
 - ✓ Ibis species one seen at Deweys Pasture on 15 May Rex Johnson
(photo taken and I have sent him documentation form)
 - ✓ Least Bittern one at Hendrickson M 22 May Steve Dinsmore, Kraig Downs
 - ✓ Snow Goose two at Hendrickson M, 22 May, Steve Dinsmore, Kraig Downs
- In general the waterfowl migration around here was about normal in terms of species seen and dates seen
- ✓ Turkey Vulture one at Saylorville Res 28 Mar JJD
 - ✓ Bald Eagle 13 (3 adult, 10 immat) at Saylorville Res 21 Mar by Fred Heinz
was high for a central Iowa location
 - ✓ Cooper's Hawk one at Saylorville Res 28 March JJD
 - ✓ Broad-winged Hawk a flight of 16 near Ames on 3 May ISU was the only group
reported, early date was one at Ames 14 Apr (ISU)
 - ✓ Gray Partridge 2 north of Ames on 23 May was one of few records I have
for this area JJD
 - ✓ Virginiaia Rail 17 April at Deweys Pasture was early date, Rex Johnson
 - ✓ Sora 17 April at Deweys Pasture was early date Rex Johnson
 - ✓ King Rail one at Deweys Pasture 12 May Rex Johnson, within 50 yards of
where he found young last year
 - ✓ American Avocet one near Lost Island L, Clay Co 1 May Rex Johnson

although there was lots of shorebird habitat, I had few records reported to me. Prob. a lot of the birds were widely scattered.

- ✓ American Woodcock one at Ledges SP 4 April ISU
- ✓ Ruddy Turnstone one at Hendrickson M 22 May Steve Dinsmore, Kraig Downs
- ✓ Ring-billed Gull several thousand at Saylorville Res on 28 Mar JJD
- ✓ Franklin's Gull one at Hendrickson M 27 April ISU
- ✓ Forster's Tern one at Deweys Pasture 17 April was earliest record Rex Johnson
- ✓ Caspian Tern one at Hendrickson M 22 May Steve Dinsmore, Kraig Downs
- Black-billed Cuckoo one at Ames 19 May was earliest this year JJD
- ✓ Snowy Owl one 2 mi N of Gilbert, Story Co on 24 March Steve Lekwa
- ✓ Common Nighthawk one at Ames 7 May JJD
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker one at Ames 29 March ISU after that a fairly good migration of this species
- ✓ Eastern Kingbird 1 at Ames 7 May JJD
- Great Crested Flycatcher 1 at Ames 7 May JJD
- Willow Flycatcher several at Deweys Pasture 21 May JJD
- Eastern Pewee one at Trumbull L, Clay Co on 20 May were my first records JJD
- Purple Martin several at Saylorville Res 28 Mar Mark Ryan
- ✓ Red-breasted Nuthatch one at Ames on 12 May was late JJD
- Eastern Bluebird one at Ames 11 Mar ISU
- Brown Thrasher one at Ames 18 Apr JJD
- Loggerhead Shrike - none reported to me locally
- Golden-winged Warbler one in Ames 7 May JJD
- ✓ Blue-winged Warbler 1 at Ledges SP - 29 May JJD
- ✓ Northern Parula one on 19 Apr in Ames JJD (JR should have an 18 Apr record)
- 2 at Ledges SP - 29 May JJD
- Yellow Warbler common on nesting areas near Trumbull L 20-21 May JJD
- ✓ Yellow-rumped Warbler one at Ames 7 Apr ISU (before our last 3 snowstorms)
- ✓ Yellow-throated Warbler one at Ledges SP 30 Apr JJD seen by many others
- Bobolink one at Ames 5 May JJD
- Red-winged Blackbird males on territory, Ames to Cedar Rapids 14 March, definitely were not on territories on the same route the 13th JJD
- Common Redpoll one in Ames on 27 Mar Steve Dinsmore
- ✓ Pine Siskin common on ISU campus into early May, nest with eggs found in first week of May
- Swamp Sparrow common on marshes in Ruthven area, 20-21 May JJD
- ✓ LeContes Sparrow 2 In Ames 9 April Kraig Downs (I saw photos, JJD)

Best,

Jim