

enters

1999/2000 Winter Report

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Cooper's Hawk		Saylorville Res, Polk	1	Occasionally seen near Red Feather Prairie both months
American Kestrel		Polk County		Appeared to have an excellent nesting season in Polk Co. 24 were seen between Elkhart and Polk City on 7/23.
Peregrine Falcon	6/15	Des Moines	1	Perched on 31 st floor of 801 Grand building
Northern Bobwhite	7/16	Red Feather Prairie Saylorville Res, Polk	1	Second year in a row one was flushed on my Bluebird Box route.
American Coot	7/23	Errington Marsh, Polk	3	Managed to hang on in spite of the drought.
Upland Sandpiper	7/9	Red Feather Prairie Saylorville Res, Polk	1	Southbound migrant
American Woodcock	6/4	Chichaqua WA, Polk	1	
Black-billed Cuckoo	June-July 7/30	Red Feather Prairie, Polk Johnston, Polk	1 1	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		Johnston, Polk	3	1 male and 2 females present in my yard all summer.
Red-headed Woodpecker		Saylorville Res		Numbers still appear very low in Polk Co.
Pileated Woodpecker	7/29	Ledges SP, Boone	3	
Bank Swallow	June-July	Saylorville Res, Polk		Not normally found at Saylorville during summer, but several flocks present this year.
Sedge Wren		Red Feather Prairie, Polk		Unlike last two years, they disappeared during June, reappearing by the first week of July.
Bell's Vireo		Polk Co	4	Three territories on east side of Saylorville, plus one at Chichaqua WA
Grasshopper Sparrow		Polk Co		Didn't seem to be as common in Polk County this year.
Henslow's Sparrow	June-July	Red Feather Prairie, Polk	<6	At least one was present last summer, but this colony was confirmed early June. 1 carrying food on 7/16.
Orchard Oriole	7/0	Red Feather Prairie, Polk		1 feeding a cowbird.