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# IOU FIELD REPORT FORM

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General Notes: Weather returned basically to normal conditions in NW corner of state, with upwards of 8 inches precipitation during June & July, effectively ending drought. Many small wetlands still were dry or nearly so, however, as significant rainfall will be required for return to normal wetlands. Nesting and food conditions throughout the region appeared to be satisfactory to good.

| <u>Species</u>     | <u>No.</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Notes</u>   |
|--------------------|------------|-------------|--|
| Least Bittern      | 1          | 07/26       | At Rush Lake, near Ocheyedan, Osceola Co.  |
| Great Blue Heron   | (many)     | 06/-07/     | Active rookery again at West Hottes Lake, Dickinson County; large numbers of immature GBH's on most wetlands in July.        |
| Green Heron        | 1          | 06/13       | Female on nest in tree, west side Big Spirit Lake; may have abandoned due to disturbance by neighborhood children.           |
| Hooded Merganser*  | 14         | 06/03       | Female w/brood of 13, hatched 05/27, Mud Lake, Clay Co. (reported by DNR employee <b>Doug Chafa</b> ).                       |
| Cooper's Hawk      | 1          | 07/11       | Adult male (?) carrying prey to woods at Kettleon Hogsback WMA, Dickinson Co. Coop's have nested here for about 4 years now. |
| Short-eared Owl**  | 1          | 06/         | One seen periodically at Lake Pahoja Co. by Co. Cons. Board Ex. Director <b>Craig Van Otterloo</b> and other park staff).    |
| Spotted Towhee     | 1          | 06/28       | Adult male singing at Hidden Bridge Co. Wildlife Area, Lyon Co.  |
| Blue Grosbeak      | 3          | 06/15       | Three singing males, each at different stops on Breeding Bird Survey, Sioux County.  |
| Eastern Meadowlark | 1          | 06/28       | Identified by call at Larchwood, Lyon County, where species is rare.   |
| Orchard Oriole     | 2          | 06/13       | Pair foraging and carrying food to nest at Dog Creek Park, SE O'Brien Co.  |