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All sightings are from Jefferson or Washington County, Iowa.

8/3/00  
Records: 6

ITEM	COMMON NAME	NUM	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT
1	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	4	7/28/00	Rural area, Packwood, IA	Trees by lakeshore
	Betty White, who lives on a farm planted to attract birds, between Packwood and Fairfield, reported to me that she has a Yellow-billed Cuckoo nest on her place. The two light blue eggs hatched on about July 28, and the parents are much about.				
2	Belted Kingfisher	2	6/18/00	Skunk River, Jefferson Co., IA	River Bank
	This is no rare sighting, but we were pleased to find a kingfishers' nest tunnel in the banks of the Skunk River. One nearly-full-grown young sat near entrance and rattled almost constantly. An adult male flew by with a fish but would not approach nest while we were in sight.				
3	Purple Martin	4	6/3/00	Residential Area, Fairfield, IA	Residential area
	Four Purple Martins nested in a new apartment complex put up by someone who does not know the birds need big compartments. None adopted ideal roomy quarters available at certain other places in town where they were much desired. Sigh.				
4	Bank Swallow	30	6/17/00	Skunk River, Jefferson Co., IA	River Bank
	Some of the colonies that nested in the banks last year were not in evidence this year. However, we did find a new colony downstream 1/2 mile from MacCoon Access. This area is impossible to reach in low water, so we won't be able to monitor it through the summer.				
5	Carolina Wren	10	7/31/00	Residential Area, Fairfield, IA	Residential area
	About ten Carolina Wrens are heard in the vicinity of my home each day, half in my neighborhood and half at Chautauqua Park. They have been in evidence all summer, but I hear them more in the last 2 to 3 weeks. I generally see 4 or 5 together in Chautauqua Park. I surmise these are family groups.				
6	Orchard Oriole	1	6/3/00	Lake Darling, Brighton, IA	Trees by lakeshore
	I saw an adult male carrying a green caterpillar.				