

list 1, loons-cranes

Common Loon: All: 1 basic near Lanesboro in Carroll Co. on 5 Jun (MPr), 1 near Hitchcock N.A. in Pottawattamie Co. on 15 Jun (MO), and 3 on Spirit L. on 26 Jul (ETh).

Pied-billed Grebe: Evidence of nesting was noted in Dickinson, Jackson, Kossuth, Polk, and Story counties (MPr, LAS, Bpr, MCK, BE, HZ).

Red-necked Grebe: All: 1 alt. at Jemmerston Sl. and 1 basic at Grover's L. on 8 Jun (LAS), 5 at Grover's L. on 29 Jun (LAS), and 2 ad. at Eagle L. in Hancock Co. on 6 and 23 Jul (PH, Mpr, Rgo). Prior to 1998, there had been only 3 summer reports of this species in about 20 years.

Western Grebe: Two adults at Eagle L. in Hancock Co. on 6 Jul (PH, MPr) and 2 adults with a downy young there on 23 Jul is the first report of nesting in Iowa since 199. A single bird made a brief appearance at Hallett's Quarry near Ames on 29 Jun (JJD, WO, HZ).

American White Pelican: Summering birds were noted in several areas; the largest groups were 200+ at Mud L. in Clay/Palo Alto counties (LAS) and 150+ at Zirbel Sl. in Cerro Gordo Co. (RGo, JJD). By mid July the flock at Union Sl. NWR had increased to 300-350, indicating an influx of migrants (MCK).

Double-crested Cormorant: The only report of nesting was 31 nests counted at Coralville Res. on 27 Jun (MD). Singles were found at Green Is. W.A. in Jackson Co. on 12 Jul (MPr, BPr) and at Marble L. in Dickinson Co. on 17 Jul (Mpr) and 20 summered in Appanoose Co. (RC). RLC were the only other reports heard from outside.

American Bittern: All: Singles at Hanlontown Sl. in Worth Co. on 9 Jun (RGo), Harrier M. on 22 Jun (JJD), and Zirbel Sl. on 14 Jul (RGo).

Least Bittern: From 1 to 7 were found in Bremer, Hancock, Jackson, Jones, Keokuk, and Tama counties (MCD, PHe, MPr, BPr, CEd).

Great Blue Heron: The largest post-breeding concentration was 97 at Union Sl. NWR on 17 Jul (MCK). No one mentioned nesting colonies.

Great Egret: The largest concentration was 25 at Runnells W.A. in Marion Co. on 24 Jul (). A few were found at other wetlands statewide.

Snowy Egret: The only report was 2 at Runnells W.A. on 24, 25, 28 Jul (MPr).

Little Blue Heron: An adult near Cumming in Warren Co. on 3 Jun (JG) was the only report.

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Cattle Egret: One at 12 Mile L. in Emmet Co. on 29 Jun (LAS) was the only report.

Green Heron: Up to 6 were found at wetlands throughout the state.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 1 or 2 were found in Cerro Gordo, Kossuth, Louisa, O'Brien, and Woodbury counties (Rgo, MCK, JG, DK, BFH). No one mentioned any indication of nesting. JG:

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: All: 2 adults along the Chariton R. in Lucas Co. on 3 Jul (AB) and 1 at Rathbun W.A. in Wayne Co. on 15, 19 Jul (AB).

White-faced Ibis: All: 1 on a private wetland near Ames from 2-6 Jun (Mike Meetz, JJD-details, MPr, BPr, HZ). Wsh

Turkey Vulture: The most mentioned were 32 at Palisades-Kepler S.P. in Linn Co. on 12 Jun (MCD) and 30 at Saylorville Res. on 28 Jul (BE). This species is much more abundant in Iowa now than a few years ago.

Fulvous Whistling-Duck: 1 found near Cumming in Warren Co. from 1-10 Jun (JGi) had a red leg band. The issue of escapees confounds our understanding of the distribution of some species such as whistling-ducks which are increasing their ranges. M

Greater White-fronted Goose: A white-front x Canada Goose hybrid was reported at Little Swan L. in Dickinson Co. on 8 Jun (LAS).

Snow Goose: From 1 to 4 were found in Clay, Dickinson, Fremont, Marion, O'Brien, Polk and Pottawattamie counties (LAS, MPr, BPr, DK, JGi), about typical for summer. AB

Ross's Goose: 1 was at Union Sl. NWR from 19 Jun-15 Jul (MCK), **Gadwall:** All: Pairs at Blue Wing M. in Cerro Gordo Co. (JJD), Eagle L. in Kossuth Co. (MCK) and Union Sl. NWR (MCK), and a female with 5 yg. at Hogsback WPA in Dickinson Co. (LAS). All were in northern Iowa where this species is expected. only the 1st sum 3rd repd in 15 years

American Black Duck: 1 at Diehl Pond in Warren Co. on 28 Jul (JSi) was the only report. Not

Northern Shoveler: Besides broods at Colo Ponds in Story Co. (HZ) and Welch Lake WPA (LAS), pairs were seen at Union Sl. NWR and Eagle L. in Kossuth Co., both on 23 Jun (MCK). in Dickinson Co

Northern Pintail: A pair at Union Sl. NWR on 19 Jun (MCK) was the only report.

Green-winged Teal: A male at Cardinal M. on 13 Jun (DK) was the only report.

Canvasback: All: A pair at Grovers L. in Dickinson Co. and a female at Lake Park Sl. in Dickinson Co., both on 8 Jun (LAS).

Redhead: Groups of up to 10 were found in Carroll, Cerro Gordo, Grundy, Hancock, Kossuth, Story, Warren, and Winneshiek counties (MPr, PHe, JJD, MCK, HZ, JSi, DeC), a much broader distribution than is found in most summers. Some of these birds summered at sites where they normally do not ~~breed~~ but no indication of breeding was reported.

Not

on 8 Jun

Ring-necked Duck: All: A pair at Spring Run W.A. in Dickinson Co. (LAS), and singles at Rush L. in Osceola Co. on 9 Jul (LAS) and Colo Ponds in Story Co. throughout the summer (HZ).

Hooded Merganser: Broods were found in Appanoose Co. (RLC) and at Union SL NWR (MCK, KN).

Ruddy Duck: The only mention of breeding was at Eagle L. in Kossuth Co. where broods were seen (MCK). Far more Ruddy Ducks were seen this summer than in most years with as many as 30 at Union Sl. NWR (KN) and 20 at Colo Ponds (HZ). Up to 17 were found in Appanoose, Boone, Bremer, Butler, Grundy, Hancock, Marion, Polk, Story, and Winneshiek counties (RLC, JJD, MCD, PHe, AB, JGi, WO, DeC).

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Osprey: The Osprey introduction program continued with the following releases scheduled: Saylorville-5, Hartman Reserve Nature Center in Black Hawk Co.-4, and Coralville Res.-2 (PS). In addition, a pair built a nest in Spirit Lake (ETH) and another attempted to nest at Coralville Res. (PS); both were unsuccessful.

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Mississippi Kite: All reports were from late July; up to 2 in Des Moines on 21 Jul (PHA, RIA, PW), 2 in Urbandale on 22 Jul (MPr, BPr), and 1 at another Des Moines site on 27 Jul (PW).

Bald Eagle: The count of eagle nests in Iowa now is about 140 with nests reported from at least 58 counties (BEh).

Northern Harrier: Five nests were found in restored grasslands southeast of Belle Plaine in Iowa Co. (T.J. Benson fide JJD). Besides 3 at Hayden Prairie in Howard Co. in Jul (PHe), singles found in Appanoose, Howard, Johnson, Kossuth, Ringgold, Warren, and Winneshiek counties are suggestive of nesting as well (RLC, JJD, JLF, CEd, MCK, MPr, BPr, JSi, DeC).

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Cooper's Hawk: Active nests were found at Kettleston Hogsback W.A. in Dickinson Co. (LAS, ETH) and Chariton R. Greenbelt in Lucas Co. (AB). Additional birds were found in Cerro Gordo (2 sites), Lee, Linn, Tama, and Warren counties (RGo, MCD, CEd, MPr, JGi), suggesting nests there as well.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 at Yellow River F. on 4 Jul (CEd) was the only report.

Broad-winged Hawk: Immatures at Waubonsie S.P. in Fremont Co. on 23 Jul (BKP, LJP), Des Moines on 28 Jul (Pch), and Urbandale on

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28 Jul (BE) all seemed to indicate local breeding. In addition, 1 or 2 birds were found in Calhoun, Clayton, Delaware, Dubuque, Linn, Lucas, and Woodbury counties (MPr, DAK, MCD, FL, AB, BFH).

Swainson's Hawk: All: Singles at Smith W.A. in Kossuth Co. on 2 Jun (MCK), near Mason City on 21 Jun, 16 Jul (RGo, PHe), and at Hudson in Black Hawk Co. on 2 Jul (TSt). ^{Warren}

Peregrine Falcon: 1 at Milo in Lucas Co. on 22 Jul (AB) was the only report away from the various release sites. ^{Benton}

Gray Partridge: Up to 4 were reported in Black Hawk, Cerro Gordo, Marshall, and Palo Alto counties (TSt, RGo, MPr, BPr, LAS). Several observers noted that this species seemed to be scarce this year. ^{Not}

Northern Bobwhite: Besides the expected birds in southern Iowa, 5 were near Urbana in ^{Benton} ~~Mc~~ Co. on 6 Jun, 1 was at the Hoover Nat. Trail in Johnson Co. on 7 Jun (Ced), and 1 was at the Bearbrower Sand Prairie in Buchanan Co. on 23 Jun (CED), suggesting ^{a partial} ~~something~~ of a comeback for this species. ^{crow}

Virginia Rail: Broods were found at Lost Island M. in Palo Alto Co. on 7 Jul (LAS), Virgin L. in Palo Alto Co. on 7 Jul, and Colo Ponds on 14 Jul (HZ). Other reports were from northern Iowa. ^(LAS)

Sora: ^{the only} reports were ~~all~~ from northern Iowa: Cerro Gordo, Kossuth, and Winneshiek counties (RGo, MCK, DeC).

Common Moorhen: At least 7 young were among 13 found at Green Is. W.A. on 12 Jul (MPr, BPr). This is the most reliable place in Iowa for this species.

American Coot: Nesting was noted at Colo Ponds (HZ), Eagle L. in Kossuth Co. (MCK), and Spring Run W.A. in Dickinson Co. (LAS). Other reports were from Appanoose, Jackson, Polk, and Winneshiek counties (RLC, MPr, BPr, BE, DeC).

Sandhill Crane: Broods were noted in Allamakee (JJD) and Buchanan (Ppa) counties. From 2-5 were found in Bremer, Butler, Tama, and Worth counties (Tst, CJF, RGo). ^{mfr}