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FIELD REPORT – IOWA, SUMMER 2002

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Species	No.	Date	Location	Remark
Double-crested Cormorant, <i>nests</i>	31	27 June	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	
Least Bittern	4	5 June	Muskrat Slough, Jones Co.	
Least Bittern	1	17 June	Fuller-Green Valley W.A., Keokuk Co.	
Least Bittern	1	21 June	Meyer Pond, Sweet Marsh, Bremer Co.	
Green Heron, <i>adult</i>	6	30 July	Silver Lake, Delaware Co.	High count.
Turkey Vulture	32	12 June	Pallisades-Kepler S.P. Linn Co.	High count.
Ruddy Duck	4	5 June	Muskrat Slough, Jones Co.	
Ruddy Duck	7	21 June	Sweet Marsh, Bremer Co.	
Bald Eagle, <i>adult</i>	1	15 June	Croton Unit, Shimek S.F., Lee Co.	
Cooper's Hawk	1	15 June	Croton Unit, Shimek S.F., Lee Co.	
<u>Details:</u> By call; deep woods. Call identified by two accompanying birders; I verified call for myself later with Stokes eastern birdsong CD.				
Cooper's Hawk	1	20 June	Squaw Creek Park, Linn Co.	
<u>Details:</u> Accipiter chased out of woods by Blue Jay, size comparison would indicate Cooper's.				
Broad-winged Hawk, <i>adult</i>	2	6 July	Matsell Bridge N.A., Linn Co.	Together in same dead tree.
Broad-winged Hawk, <i>adult</i>	1	30 July	Silver Lake, Delaware Co.	
Northern Bobwhite	1	15 June	Charleston Twp., Lee Co.	
Northern Bobwhite	1	17 June	Berty Twp., Keokuk Co.	
Northern Bobwhite	1	17 June	Clear Creek Twp., Keokuk Co.	
Ruff	1	28 July	Pinchey Bottoms, Marion Co.	
<u>Details:</u> See separate documentation.				
Wilson's Phalarope	12	28 July	Pinchey Bottoms, Marion Co.	High count.
Forster's Tern	5	28 July	Pinchey Bottoms, Marion Co.	
Black Tern	30	28 July	Pinchey Bottoms, Marion Co.	
Acadian Flycatcher	2-3	15-29 June	Croton Unit, Shimek S.F., Lee Co.	
Acadian Flycatcher	1	17-29 June	Donnellson Unit, Shimek S.F., Lee Co.	
Acadian Flycatcher	6	23 June	Brinton Timber, Washington Co.	High count.
Acadian Flycatcher	1	23 June	Sockum Ridge, Washington Co.	
Acadian Flycatcher	1	25 July	Cairo Woods W.A., Louisa Co.	

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Alder Flycatcher	1	1 June	Indiangrass Hills, Iowa Co.	
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Details: Contopus, Empid, or Sayornis flycatcher with no eyering seen and buffy wingbars (size difficult in isolation). Singing continuously, akin to Eastern Phoebe but both notes burry, more separated, with clearly accented up-note for second note. Trailing third note often mentioned in field guides and recordings not heard.

Bell's Vireo	1	7-23 June	Red Bird Farms, Johnson Co.	
Bell's Vireo	4	2-7 July	Cairo Woods W.A., Louisa Co.	
Bell's Vireo	1	7 July	Cedar Bluffs R.A., Muscatine Co.	
Bell's Vireo	1	11 July	Hitaga Sand Ridge Prairie Preserve, Linn. Co.	

Bewick's Wren	1	15 June	Near Croton Unit, Shimek S.F., Lee Co.	Seen and singing.
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Sedge Wren	8	1 June	Indiangrass Hills, Iowa Co.	One w/ nesting material.
Sedge Wren, <i>nest begun</i>	1	9 June	Indiangrass Hills, Iowa Co.	

Details: SeWr was spotted with dried grass blade in bill; carried it from perch to perch, then disappeared with blade into the grass less than ten yards before me. After it flew out again, minus the grass blade, I investigated and found that a clump of the living green grass blades had been bent over at their tops and woven into a loose canopy. The grasses seemed to be integrated with a fallen, dried, forked thistle stem and had a sparse cluster of dried grasses inside, as if the interior of the nest was just being started. Area was well-removed from 1 June SeWr seen with nesting material (above).

Sedge Wren	1	21 June	Sweet Marsh, Bremer Co.	
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Wood Thrush	4	25 July	Cairo Woods W.A., Louisa Co.	High count.
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Northern Mockingbird	1	10 July	Indiangrass Hills, Iowa Co.*	
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Blue-winged Warbler	1	15-29 June	Shimek S.F., Croton Unit, Lee Co.	
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Northern Parula	1	7 June	Red Bird Farms, Johnson Co.	
Northern Parula	1	15 June	Croton Unit, Shimek S.F., Lee Co.	
Northern Parula	1	23 June	Brinton Timber, Washington Co.	

Yellow-throated Warbler	1	15-29 June	Croton Unit, Shimek S.F., Lee Co.	
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Prothonotary Warbler	1	12 June	Pallisades-Kepler S.P., Linn Co.	
Prothonotary Warbler	5	15 June	Sullivan Slough, Des Moines Co.	

Worm-eating Warbler	1	15 June	Croton Unit, Shimek S.F., Lee Co.	
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Details: By song only. Deep-woods ravine, expected location and habitat.

Worm-eating Warbler	2	29 June	Croton Unit, Shimek S.F., Lee Co.	Seen; separate area from 15 June report.
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Louisiana Waterthrush	2	17-29 June	Donnellson Unit, Shimek S.F., Lee Co.	
Louisiana Waterthrush	1	23 June	Brinton Timber, Washington Co.	

Kentucky Warbler	5	15 June	Croton Unit, Shimek S.F., Lee Co.	
Kentucky Warbler	1	17-29 June	Donnellson Unit, Shimek S.F., Lee Co.	

* Judy Felder (property co-owner), fide MCD.

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Kentucky Warbler	3	23 June	Brinton Timber, Washington Co.	
Kentucky Warbler	1	23 June	Sockum Ridge, Washington Co.	
Kentucky Warbler	1	29 June- 7 July	Cedar Bluffs R.A., Muscatine Co.†	
Kentucky Warbler	1	7 July	Cairo Woods W.A., Louisa Co.	
Kentucky Warbler	1	25 July	Cairo Woods W.A., Louisa Co.	Separate area from 7 July report.
Hooded Warbler	1	17-29 June	Donnellson Unit, Shimek S.F., Lee Co.	
Yellow-breasted Chat	3	29 June- 2 July	Cairo Woods W.A., Louisa Co.	
Summer Tanager	1	15 June	Croton Unit, Shimek S.F., Lee Co.	
Scarlet Tanager	1	7 June	Frytown Conservation Area, Johnson Co.	
Scarlet Tanager	2	23 June	Brinton Timber, Washington Co.	
Scarlet Tanager	1	29 June	Donnellson Unit, Shimek S.F., Lee Co.	
Scarlet Tanager	1	11 July	Hitaga Sand Ridge Prairie Preserve, Linn. Co.	
Grasshopper Sparrow	2	9 June	Indiangrass Hills, Iowa Co.	
Grasshopper Sparrow	1	20 July	Canton Twp., Benton Co.	
Henslow's Sparrow	8	1 June	Indiangrass Hills, Iowa Co.	Six seen; two by song only.
Henslow's Sparrow	1	15 June	Charleston Twp., Lee Co.	By song only.
Henslow's Sparrow, <i>juvenile</i>	1	13 July	Indiangrass Hills, Iowa Co.	

Details (as to possible juvenile): First heard singing in a usual location at site; brief middle passing syllable inserted into familiar *tsi-lick* song, timbre clearly of Henslow's, and something very close to this is recorded on Stokes CD. Bird seen frontally only, perched for several minutes, but more distant than is ideal for binoculars, with sun to side and slightly behind bird (about 2:45 p.m., looking west-northwest). Flat-headed sparrow; briefly glimpsed dark crown and light median stripe as head moved. Purely white or very light gray breast (this aspect well-seen), no streaking visible, but no buff noted either. At closest distance attained, slight impression of olive to head at one angle. Song impossible to reconcile with Grasshopper or Savannah Sparrow, volume nearly comparable to Dickcissel.

Swamp Sparrow	1	5 June	Muskrat Slough, Jones Co.	Southern edge of range.
Bobolink	6	9 June	Indiangrass Hills, Iowa Co.	High count.
Orchard Oriole	3	1 June	Indiangrass Hills, Iowa Co.	
Orchard Oriole	2	20 June	Matsell Bridge N.A., Linn Co.	
Orchard Oriole	3	7 July	Cairo Woods W.A., Louisa Co.	
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	1	15-29 June	Near Horseshoe Bend W.A., Louisa Co.	

† Peculiar song, as follows: "churry-churry-churry-churry, ta-WEE-ta-WEET!" Observed singing. Heard also with Bob Dick, 7 July.

NOTES:

♦ I waded the marsh edge at all three of my Least Bittern sites. Based on this year's and past experiences, I'm convinced that nearly any mid-sized or larger marsh would reveal this bird if well-searched.

♦ Black-billed Cuckoo sightings at six different locations appeared in the four weekly Iowa RBA reports for July. Counties: Black Hawk, Boone, Lee, Louisa, Polk, Van Buren.