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Species Data

All records are from Winneshiek County, unless otherwise indicated.

Pied-billed Grebe: A few were present at Cardinal Marsh.

Green Heron: Up to four at Cardinal Marsh.

Redhead: 10 (5 pairs) on 6 Jun at Cardinal Marsh were quite late but did not star.

Ruddy Duck: I had my most summer records ever.

They were at Cardinal Marsh throughout the period with a high count of 3♂ 1♀ ~~on 6 Jun~~. Also, 1♂ 3♀ on 18 Jun at Fort Atkinson Sewage Ponds; 1 on 20 Jun and 24 Jul at Ridgeway Sewage Ponds. No broods were seen.

Northern Harrier: 1♂ on 1 Jun at Hayden Prairie, Howard Co.;

1♀ on 20 Jun at Ridgeway; 1 throughout Jun, near Burr Oak (Lee Zietke); 1 on 13 Jul at Hayden Prairie (Larry Reis).

Sora: heard during Jul at Cardinal M.

American Coot: 30 on 6 Jun at Cardinal M. where it bred with broods seen on 20 Jun and 24 Jul.

Sandhill Crane: deserted Cardinal M. before the period.

Semipalmated Plover: Last: 2 on 6 Jun at Cardinal M.

Lesser Yellowlegs: 1 (first or last?) on 20 Jun at Cardinal M.

Solitary Sandpiper: First: 2 on 11 Jul at Cardinal M.

Upland Sandpiper: Larry Reis found singles in Jun at two localities; I saw 1 on 24 Jul, near Decorah.

Least Sandpiper: First: 1 on 7 Jul at Cardinal M. Most: 24 on 11 Jul at Cardinal M.

Pectoral Sandpiper: Last: 1 on 6 Jun at Cardinal M.; First: 1 on 3 Jul at Cardinal M.

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Black Tern: 3 on 6 Jun and 1 on 3 Jul at Cardinal M.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: found in Jun in 2 localities.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: a few seen.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 on 29 Jun at Coon Creek WMA.

Red-headed Woodpecker: Scarce again this summer; I saw only 3.

Willow Flycatcher: Up to 6 at Cardinal M.

Yellow-throated Vireo: found in several localities, including recently fledged young at Lake Meyer (Larry Reis).

Cliff Swallow: Abundant; colonies (large and small) at concrete bridges throughout the county.

Sedge Wren: 3 or more singing birds at Cardinal M.

Wood Thrush: present in heavily wooded areas.

Blue-winged Warbler: 3 on 29 Jun at Coon Creek WMA.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1 on 4 Jul at Highlandville.

American Redstart: Most: 10 on 29 Jun at Coon Creek WMA

Ovenbird: nest with 2 eggs + 3 cowbird eggs found on 1 Jun in east central part of county (Larry Reis); most: 8 on 29 Jun at Coon Creek.

Kentucky Warbler: 1 singing ♂ on 29 Jun at Coon Creek WMA

Scarlet Tanager: Most: 4 singing ♂s on 29 Jun at Coon Creek.

Eastern Towhee: found in a few localities.

Dickcissel: First seen on 6 Jun; just a few later.

Bobolink: Most: 22 on 20 Jun at Cardinal M.; left early.

Yellow-headed Blackbird: 14 or more at Cardinal M.

Orchard Oriole: singing males found at Cardinal M. & Decrah.

Meadowlark sp.: fewer each year; only 3 Eastern and 1 Western found on Festina BBS.

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