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2201 FIFTH AVE SE, CEDAR RAPIDSFRED THOMPSON (FT), Marion

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
The very cold winter seemed to last well into spring. The April snowstorm was very hard on early-returning landbirds, especially Robins and Bluebirds. Late April and ^{early} May migrants were very late, I thought. Flu hampered later observations from 5-4 to about 5-18.			
✓ Common Loon	1	4-13	Cedar Lake
	1	5-13	Pleasant Creek Reservoir (with FT) } only two seen
✓ Horned Grebe	2	4-10	both, Cedar Lake (Cedar Rapids)
	2	4-13	
Amer. Bittern	1	4-24	edge of Gun Club Pond, near N. Liberty (with FT) (only one of the spring)
✓ White-fronted Goose	225	3-27	Cone Marsh, Conesville (a personal high for me in E. Iowa) (with FT)
✓ Snow Goose	approx 2000	3-27	Cone Marsh (also a high for me in E. Iowa) (also FT) A resident told us there were <u>10,000</u> there the previous day -
✓ Red-br. Merganser	8	5-13	Pleasant Creek Res. (seemed late) (with FT)
✓ Turkey Vulture	1	3-23	near Floyd, Ia. (Floyd County)
✓ Cooper's Hawk	1	3-27	near Bertram (SE of Cedar Rapids)
	1	4-22	Squaw Creek Park } also FT
- No Sharp-shins or Red-shoulders seen -			
✓ Marsh Hawk	4	3-23	Northern Iowa (2 ♂, 2 ♀ or imm.)
	1	3-27	Cone Marsh - also FT
Osprey	1	4-24	flying N near Shueyville - also FT
	1	5-1, 5-3	Sandy Beach area, Coralville Res.
with FT → Virginia Rail	1	5-13	Muskrat Slough, Jones Co. (only one recorded)
Sora			only 3 recorded - seemed hard to find
Semipalmated Plover	6	4-24	Sandy Beach area (first) - also FT
	40	5-1	" " " (max.)
with FT → ✓ Golden Plover	125	5-13	I understand there were <u>many</u> around from about 5-3 to 5-13 or so.
✓ Black-bellied Plover	5	5-13	- in a plowed field near Alburnett, Linn Co. (with FT)
✓ Lesser Yellow-legs	1000 (est.)	4-24	Sandy Beach, Coralville Res. - most I have ever seen at one time. (with FT)
✓ Baird's Sandpiper	1	5-1	Sandy Beach
Dunlin	2	5-1	Sandy Beach

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✓ Marbled Godwit	1	5-13	Hoosier Creek area - Coralville Res. - with FT
✓ Ring-billed Gull	420	4-10	Cedar Lake - numbers higher around here than I have ever seen - (in this area)
✓ Franklin's Gull	2 1	4-24 5-3	both Sandy Beach area, Coralville Res.
Bonaparte's Gull	2	4-24	with FT, Sandy Beach area
✓ Forster's Tern	1 6	4-17 5-13	Cedar Lake (first) Coralville Res (last) (with FT)
✓ Caspian Tern	13	5-13	Coralville Res. (with FT)
✓ Willow Flycatcher		5-13	First - Squaw Creek Park (seemed early) - with FT
✓ Alder Flycatcher	1	5-23	Squaw Creek P. Also 5-24(2), SCP; 5-29(1), Matsell Bridge; 5-28(1), Cedar Rapids
✓ Red-br. Nuthatch	1	5-30	SE side, Cedar Rapids - very late - seen well, very quiet, could be nesting.
✓ Winter Wren	1 1	4-15 4-18	Van Vechten Park, SE Cedar Rapids Squaw Creek P. (SCP)
Veery	1	5-13	first - Palisades P. (with FT); quite a few later.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	5-2	Palisades P. (late). Max 5 on 5-29 at Matsell Bridge with FT
Loggerhead Shrike	1	4-11	about 2 miles S of Muskrat Slough. only one seen during period -
Bell's Vireo	1	5-19	at SCP (first); max 6, Matsell Br., 5-29 (rather typical)
Philadelphia Vireo	1	5-13	Palisades P. (with FT) - only one seen.
✓ Louisiana Water-thrush	1	5-2	Palisades P. - singing - W side of Cedar R. (heard only)
✓ Connecticut Warbler	1	5-24	SCP - heard, at close range, but not seen.
Mourning Warbler	1 4	5-13 5-30	Palisades P, with FT (first) SCP - max.
✓ Yellow-br. Chat	1	5-13	SCP - heard; has nested there 1980-81.
Orchard Oriole	1	5-13	Hoosier Cr. area, Coralville Res. - with FT (imm. ♂)
✓ Brewer's Blackbird	5	3-27	Cone Marsh - with FT
Summer Tanager	1	3	imm ♂ } both seen at Weir Nelson's property, ♀ } S of Cedar Rapids, about 5-6 to
✓ Pine Siskin			still around in residential areas of CR through 5-17; might nest. 5-10. (fide Weir)
Harris's Sparrow	2	5-13	Muskrat Slough
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	5-13	SCP (only one seen) (over)

I did not
see these →

Tom-

I didn't do a very good job on the warblers this spring - sick with the flu starting about 5-4, and didn't really start to feel better until about 5-20.

No really unusual warblers or vireos to report - the latter part of May was overcast and rainy most of the time, and the birds just dribbled through and didn't make a lot of noise. Total warbler species seen: only 24 (how embarrassing!! - - but it does show the lack of obvious activity in late May).

Pine Siskins and Red-br. Nuthatches, after their abundance of last winter, were around very late in Cedar Rapids. They might nest - will try to follow up on that.

Regards,

Pete