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Dear Tom,

Even if we were to not receive any more contributions, I would venture to say that the appeal was a success. To this date, we have received \$1,400. in contributions with individual contributions of \$1,000 & \$100 being the largest. I will write Ross and have him write a personal letter to the \$1,000 contributor. I would think that we still might receive another thousand before donations fall off.

The golden plover that I saw was in winter plumage. I will retract from my official listing sent to you that the plover had one young. The young bird had the profile of the killdeer young in Peterson's new field guide but without the killdeer field markings. Likewise, I did not see the birds move the whole time that I was in the area so there was no positive proof that they were together. Second, I did not pay enough attention to the field markings of the small bird to be sure that I am correct. Third, there were many killdeer young in the area and there might have been one that did not have distinct banding on its breast. Fourth, I viewed the birds through a scope at about 75 yards so I can't say that I saw them close. I will stick with my original listing, however, of one golden plover.

According to the notes that I took on the greater yellowlegs, they were seen with many lesser yellowlegs. When I see more than ten of any common specie, instead of trying to list a specific number I just put in my records that the bird was seen and the location.

I hope I have answer^{ed} your questions about the plover and yellowlegs. If not, write again and hopefully we can improve the situation.

Best wishes,

Hank

CONTRIBUTOR: Hank Zaletel

OTHER OBSERVERS: _____

SEASON: Summer715 West St
Colo WA 50056YEAR: 1982

WEATHER/HABITAT: describe any unusual features at bottom of page

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
✓ White-fronted goose	2	7-31	McFarland Park, Story Co.
✓ Semipalmated plover	2	7-30	2½ miles east of Colo, Story Co.
✓ Lesser golden plover	2	7-3	one adult, one young; 2½ miles east of Colo, Story Co.
✓ Greater yellowlegs	8	7-4	" "
✓ Willet	20	7-5	" "
✓ Wilson phalarope larope	1	7-4	" "
	3	7-5	" "
✓ Short-billed dowitcher	13	7-5	" "
✓ Long-billed dowitcher	1	7-5	" "
✓ Stilt sandpiper	5	7-30	" "
✓ Ruby-throated hummingbird	2	6-5	Ledges State Park, Boone Co.
	1	6-23	Marshalltown, Marshall Co.
✓ Bewick wren	1	6-23	" " "
✓ Blue-gray gnatcatcher	1	6-5	on nest at Ledges State Park
✓ Loggerhead shrike	1	6-16	near Farrar, Polk Co.
	3	7-18	Marshall-Story line near Clemons
	1	7-24	2½ miles SE of Colo
✓ Northern parula	1	6-5	Ledges State Park
✓ Cerulean	more than 5	6-5	" " "
Scarlet tanager	4	7-31	McFarland Park
BLUE LISTED SPECIE IN MY AREA			
✓ Great blue heron			average of 8 all summer at Hendrickson Marsh, Story Co.
American kestrel			in past 2 weeks 4 different sitings in varied locations

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CONTRIBUTOR: H. Zolner

OTHER OBSERVERS: _____

SEASON: Summer

YEAR: 82

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
Bobwhite			very few seen
Upland sandpiper			none seen this summer
Red-headed W.P.			abundant in Boone Co.; common in Story
Short-billed marsh wren			abundant at Dolittle Prairie (20+) Story Co 5+ at McFarland Park
Purple martin			many boxes in Colo with good population
Eastern bluebird			none in eastern Story Co.
Yellow warbler			none seen near Hendrickson or other marshes in Story Co.
Dickcissel			abundant in Story Co.
Savannah sparrow			common " "

WEATHER--over 5 inches of rain fell in mid-July covering most shore bird areas and leaving local marshes under water

REPORTS FOR OTHER OBSERVERS

✓ Cattle egret	18	7-15	SE of Runnells; Dick Mooney of Des Moines
✓ Least bittern	1	7-28	Dolittle Prairie, Story Co.; Dick Nuss of Ames
✓ Caspian terns	9	7-15	SE of Runnells; Dick Mooney
✓ Kentucky warbler	2	summer	Browns Woods, Polk Co.; Dick Mooney
✓ Yellow-breasted chat	1	7-28	Dolittle Prairie; Story Co.; Dick Nuss
✓ Hooded warbler	2	summer	Browns Woods, Polk Co.; Dick Mooney