

DETAILS OF IDENTIFICATION

Species: Common Moorhen

Date: to Oct. 21, 1986

Location: Near Lock, Pool 19, Keokuk, Iowa

(The following is taken directly from field notes and not edited or organized)

--Obvious white stripe along side, under wing.

--Very Coot-like in size and shape.

--Both swam and walked around on shore.

--Dark eye, dark, rich brown on back and head. Bill yellowish, slightly decurved..

--Accompanied by Am. Coots.

--White at base of tail.

--Flicked tail while walking.

Species: Glaucous Gull

Date: Nov. 26, 1986

Location: Behind Saylorville Dam, Polk Co., Iowa

(You are getting this rather than a full documentatwon since I figured the bird will be well documented anyway, and because I wanted to get this off to you quickly.)

--Someone noted there was a Glaucous over the river. I observed a large gull with white wingtips, idnetical to other first year Glaucous I has seen. The general body coloration was beige to light beige from head to tail. The bird was huge in comparision to Ring-bills (my previous comparisions have been to Herrings) and larger than accompanying Herrings. Bill was light with dark tip. Leg color not noted.

Species: Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

Date: Aug. 21, 1986

Location: Croton Unit, Shimek State Forest

Noted Empidonax Flycatcher with distinctly yellow wash from throat to base of tail, yellowish eyering. Had other empid sp. nearby for comparision, noted its much whiter undersides, eye ring. The Yellow-bellied remained low, under canopy of saplings. Most other empidonax use more exposed perch. Only one of this species for fall.