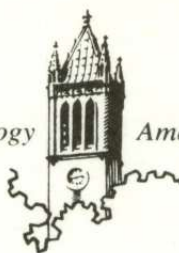


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Dear Tom,

Here are my records for this spring for field reports of IBL. As in the past, I mainly have early records plus a few other comments for some species. This list is shorted this year because about half of the early dates here in Ames were from John Robinson and he plans to send in his own summary. I could see no reason to duplicate his effort here. In general a pretty good spring with several unusual birds that were seen here. Quite a few things showed up early and in general much of the migration seemed about 1-2 weeks early, especially in April. It was colder in early May and the warblers didn't show up as early as I expected. I have included names of the observers when it was someone I could identify. Several of the records came from classes in ornithology and those I have identified with ISU. I have screened them pretty well and think these are all good records.

Have also included a letter from Dave Newhouse as a followup on the Brown Pelican at Boone. As you can see, it no longer is at the library. On a brighter note, I found out that Van Wyngarden is still alive in Manson. I called him and he still has his European Wigeon and would be glad to show it to others. I plan to stop there this summer and try to get a photo of it.

Found another record for Smith's Longspur that I don't remember seeing when we circulated records before. I will send you a copy. Have made fairly good progress on the nesting records of Iowa birds and hope to get a packet of information circulating within a week or two (hopefully). Also have to try to get some field work in sometime as well as getting caught up on Birds of Iowa.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Jim'.

Dinsmore

spring 1981

Common Loon none reported locally

Pied-billed Grebe 24 March Little Wall Lake Nick Rodenhouse

✓ Western Grebe 8 May Dan Green Slough, Clay Co JJD

White Pelican none reported locally

✓ Double-crested Cormorant 111 at Hendrickson M 18 April JJD, several still there on 15 May

Great Blue Heron 1 near Des Moines on 16 March David Goerndt was early record

✓ Green Heron 1 at Ames 27 April JJD

✓ Little Blue HEron 1 at Hendrickson M (adult plumage) on 16 May StevE Dinsmore
George Brown, Gordon Brown

✓ Cattle Egret 5 on 16 April in Lincoln township, Lucas Co Bill Rybarczyk
11 on 4 May n of Indianola Michelle Kreidler

Great Egret 1 at Hendrickson M 18 April JJD

✓ Black crowned Night Heron 1 s of Nevada 8 April and another near Boone 8 April ISU

✓ Yellow-crowned Night Heron 1 in Ames 8 April several ISU students including JS

American Bittern several near Ruthven 8 May JJD

Canada Goose 1 March Story Co near Ames JJD

✓ White-fronted Goose 2 still at Hendrickson M 14 May JJD

Snow Goose 1 March Story Co JJD

Wood Duck 21 March Ames Bill Robbins

Mallard 500 at Hendrickson M 1 March JJD

Gadwall 20 March at Little Wall Rex Johnson

Pintail 100 at Hendrickson M 1 March JJD

Green-winged Teal 20 March near Boone ISU

Blue-winged Teal 26 March Little Wall L ISU

American Wigeon 14 March Little Wall L Nick Rodenhouse

Northern Shoveller 20 March Little Wall L Res Johnson

Redhead 8 March Hendrickson John Robinson

Ring-necked Duck 1 March Little Wall L Mark Ryan

Onychasback 14 March Little Wall L Nick Rodenhouse

Lesser Scaup 20 March Little Wall L Rex Johnson

Common Goldeneye still at Little Wall L 27 March JJD

Bufflehead 1 March Little Wall L Mark Ryan

Hooded Merganser 14 March Little Wall Lake Nick Rodenhouse

Common Merganser present in late Feb

Red-breasted Merganser 22 March Hendrickson ISU

Ruddy Duck 24 March Little Wall Lake Nick Rodenhouse

✓ Turkey Vulture 15 March Ames Joe Schaefer

✓ Broad-winged Hawk early was 16 April Ledges SP John Robinson, no big flights noted

Marsh Hawk 14 March Hickory Grove Park near Colo ISU, 11 April Hendrickson M

John Robinson and Hank Zaletel only two local records I know of

✓ Osprey 18 April 1 at Hendrickson M, 3 on 12 May and one still there 14 May

American Kestrel generally few seen in migration this spring

no detail very early ✓ Virginia Rail one heard at Deweys Pasture, Clay Co on 11 April Rex Johnson

✓ American Coot at Anderson L, Hamilton Co on 1 March Mark Ryan

✓ Golden Plover 16 May 1 at Little Wall L JJD

Common Snipe 1 at Little Wall L 27 March JJD

✓ Spotted Sandpiper 1 at Ames 2 April ISU

✓ Greater Yellowlegs 1 at Little Wall L 27 March JJD

✓ Pectoral Sandpiper 4 at Little Wall L 27 March JJD

White-rumped Sandpiper 4 at Hendrickson M 14 May

Least Sandpiper several at Hendrickson M 11 May Rex Johnson

Dunlin several at Hendrickson M 12 May Rex Johnson

Semipalmated Sandpiper several at Hendrickson 11 May Rex Johnson

✓ Hudsonian Godwit 7 at Hendrickson M 13 May Nick Rodenhouse

✓ American Avocet 1 at Hendrickson M 16 May, George Brown, Steve Dinsmore, Gordon Brown

Wilson's Phalarope 1 at Hendrickson M 12 May Rex Johnson

✓ Northern Phalarope 2 between Boone and Ames 19 May Gay Crim

Ring-billed Gull some here in late Feb 35 at Little Wall L 26 March ISU

Forsters Tern 6 at Dan Green S1 8 May JJD

Black Tern first seen 15 May 11 at Hendrickson M JJD

- ✓ Burrowing Owl 1 at Ames 1 April seen by many
- ✓ Ruby-throated Hummingbird 1 at Ruthven 8 May JJD
- ✓ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 26 March Ames early, several records early Apr
1 still in Ames on 3 May

Great crested Flycatcher 2 May Ames ISU

Eastern Phoebe 1 at Ames 11 April Nick Rodenhouse

- ✓ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher 1 in Ames 13 May Joe Schaufenbuel

Cliff Swallow common at Hendrickson M 14 May JJD

Purple Martin 9 April at Ames JJD

House Wren 1 at Springbrook SP 21 April JJD

Long-billed Marsh Wren 1 at Deweys Pasture 8 May JJD

Short-billed Marsh Wren 1 at Hendrickson M 11 May Rex Johnson

Hermit Thrush 1 in Ames 1 April Nick Rodenhouse

Wood Thrush none reported locally

- ✓ Swainsons Thrush 1 30 April in Ames Lee Ellis , one still in Ames 25 May JJD

- ✓ Gray cheeked Thrush 1 in Ames 30 April Lee Ellis

Eastern Bluebird 2 near Cambridge 11 March, ISU; 5 near Ames 5 March ISU

Golden-crowned Kinglet seen at Ames 2 April ISU generally few reported

- ✓ Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1 April Ames Nick Rodenhouse

Red-eyed Vireo 29 April Ames ISU

- ✓ Philadelphia Vireo 1 at Ames 10 May JJD

- ✓ Prothonotary Warbler 1 at Ames 6 May Bill Robbins not usual here

- ✓ Blue-winged Warbler 1 at Ruthven 8 May JJD

- ✓ Northern Parula 1 at Ames 10 May JJD

Cape May Warbler none reported locally

Yellow-rumped Warbler 1 April at Ames was early record ISU

- ✓ Black-throated Green Warbler 22 April 1 at Ames Nick Rodenhouse

- ✓ Cerulean Warbler 1 at Ames 29 April Joe Schaufenbuel
- ✓ Blackburnian Warbler 1 at Ames 29 April Joe Schaufenbuel
- ✓ Bay-breasted Warbler 1 at Ames 6 May Nick Rodenhouse
- ✓ Blackpoll Warbler 1 at Ames 30 April Lee Ellis
- ✓ Louisiana Waterthrush 1 at Ames 4 April John Robinson documentation already turned in
- Mourning Warbler 1 found dead in Ames 17 May to ISU collection
- ✓ Wilsons Warbler 1 in Ames 3 May JJD
- Redstart 1 in Ames 5 May JJD

- Bobolink several at Deweys Pasture, Clay Co 8 May JJD
- Yellowheaded Blackbird several at Anderson L, Hamilton Co 15 April JJD
- ✓ Orchard Oriole 1 at Ames 6 May Nick Rodenhouse
- Northern Oriole 1 at Ames 9 May ISU
- no detail* ✓ Brewers Blackbird one seen well in Ames, 25 April Dennis Orcutt
- Dickcissel several near Boxholm, Boone Co 8 May JJD
- Evening Grosbeak none reported
- Purple Finch 8 April at Ames Nick Rodenhouse
- ✓ Pine Siskin some seen on ISU campus into early May, one fledgling reported,
fide Joe Schaufenbuel
- Rufous-sided Towhee Springbrook State Park 1 on 21 April JJD
- LeContes Sparrow none reported this spring
- Vesper Sparrow 1 on 8 April near Ames Nick Rodenhouse
- Tree Sparrow at Ames 1 April Nick Rodenhouse
- ✓ Clay-colored Sparrow several at Ames 29 April Joe Schaufenbuel
- Field Sparrow 2 April Ames ISU
- Harris Sparrow 29 April at Ames ISU
- White-crowned Sparrow at Ames 30 April Lee Ellis
- Fox Sparrow 25 March Anderson L, Hamilton Co ISU
- Lincoln's Sparrow few seen locally
- Lapland Longspur none reported this spring