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OTHER OBSERVERS: _____

SEASON: SummerYEAR: 1981Locality IA

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

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
✓ Least Bittern	3	30 Jun	W. Hottes L., Dickinson Co., nest ± 3 young
✓ Western Grebe	5	29 Jun	Rush L., Osceola Co. 2 ad. Hs feeding 3 young see documentation
✓ Common Pintail	1	29 Jun	Rush L., Osceola Co.
✓ Swainson's Hawk	2	5 Jun	Chickasaw Co - 2 locations
✓ Willet	14	28 Jun	Wilson IS. SP., Harrison Co - early
✓ Wilson's Phalarope	2	5 Jun	Cardinal M.
✓ Dunlin	1	5 Jun	Cardinal M.
✓ Franklin's Gull	35	29 Jun	Dickinson Co.
✓ Forrester's Tern	20	30 Jun	W. Hottes L., Dickinson Co - several nests
✓ Black Tern	15	30 Jun	W. Hottes L., Dickinson Co - several nests
✓ Western Kingbird	8	28 Jun	Harrison Co
✓ " "	15	29 Jun	Western Iowa Counties
✓ Say's Phoebe	4	29 Jun	Plymouth Co - 2 adults + 2 grown young
✓ Sedge Wren	25	5 Jun	Hayden Prairie + Cardinal M.
✓ Yellow-Throated Warbler	1	1 Jun	n. of Keosauqua
✓ Summer Tanager	1	1 Jun	Keosau - Keosauqua SP
✓ Henslow's Sparrow	1	5 Jun	Hayden Prairie
Solitary Sandpiper	4	29 Jun	Plymouth Co
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	1 Jul	Dickinson Co

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Western Grebe 2. Number 6
3. Location Rush L., Osceola Co, IA
4. Date: 29 June 1981 5. Time Bird Seen: 8¹⁰ to 8²⁵
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):
- Two adult and 4 half grown. Large grebe - size as large as Pied-billed Grebes near them. Black-cap and back of neck and back. All white lower face, front of neck, breast and belly. Long heavy bill. Black appeared to include the eye. Young quite light colored. One raised a short stubby wing - 5-6 inches long. Obviously could not fly.
7. Description of voice, if heard: NA
8. Description of behavior: Swimming. Adults continuously diving and feeding young.
9. Habitat - general: Lake with extensive marshy edge.
specific: N. side of Lake
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:
None similar
11. Distance (how measured)? 200 yards (guess)
12. Optical equipment: 20x scope
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
Sun at 90° angle from me
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
Seen twice in Iowa, several times in West.
15. Other observers: none
16. Did the others agree with your identification?
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
Doug Hume saw the pair of adults here on June 2 but not since
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
none
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?
Notes dictated immediately. Copied next day. Form filled out 4 days later
- Signature: Thomas H. Kent Address: 211 Richards St
- Date: 7/3/81 City, State: Iowa City IA 52240

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Says Phoebe 2. Number 4
3. Location 7 mi e. of Akron, Plymouth Co, IA
4. Date: 29 June 1981 5. Time Bird Seen: 1⁴⁰ to 2⁴⁰
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):
- Phoebe size and actions. Dull appearing birds - grey above, slightly rusty below. No white in tail. No wing bars.
Two presumably young, but did not see them being fed.
Photos and recording taken.
7. Description of voice, if heard: Two note whistle
8. Description of behavior: Actively catching insects. Landing on fence, posts, dead limbs and in other trees
9. Habitat - general: Old farmstead with open valley surrounded by corn and bean fields. A few large cottonwoods and many smaller trees.
specific: Old buildings open.
1 mi north, 1/4 mile e. of Eldon Bryant farm - private property.
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:
Other phoebes, Western Kingbird
11. Distance (how measured)?
20-50 ft (guess)
12. Optical equipment:
8x40 binoculars, 750 mm Celestron lens
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
clear, sun mostly behind me.
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
Seen once in Iowa, several times in west
15. Other observers:
Eldon Bryant
16. Did the others agree with your identification? yes
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: none
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
none
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