

Cecil

Dr. Kent:

Following is a partial list of my Iowa bird sightings. It is pretty limited because I do much of my birding in Illinois by virtue of the fact that I am there a lot, and because I was in Seattle, Wash. during the peak of the migration. Also, I didn't start the list until Ap. 9. I hope you can read ~~my~~ my typing. It gets worse.

✓ Ap. 9 --Immature Bald Eagle over Mississippi River. This one was late in leaving, being preceded by the others by several weeks. It was just north of Keokuk.

Ap. ¹²~~13~~--Rufous Sided ~~Towhee~~ Towhee in Ft. Madison.

--20 Purple finches in Ft. Madison

--2 Cedar Waxwings in Ft. Madison

--Northern Shoveler, 4, near Ft. Madison. I saw many small ~~groups~~ groups of these in the Iowa-Illinois area for 2-3 weeks either side of this sighting.

✓ Ap. 13--Broad Winged Hawk, 1, near Montrose. Had an opportunity to watch it while perched against tree trunk. After a minute or two, it flew off, revealing banded tail. I had my binoculars and had plenty of time to observe the chunky size and ~~buteo~~ buteo shape.

✓ Ap. 19--1 Yellow Rumped Warbler along Des Moines River ^{near} ~~near~~ Keokuk.

--1 Cedar Waxwing, same place

Ap. 20--Another Broad Winged Hawk, flying, near Keokuk.

✓ Ap. 25--3 Chimney Swifts at Ottumwa

Ap. 26--Many Chimney Swifts at Keokuk

✓ Ap. 28--Male Northern Oriole(1) at Keokuk.

Ap. 30--1 Solitary Sandpiper near ~~Keokuk~~ Keokuk. It stayed for a day or two at a small wooded pond.

--1 Brown Thrasher near Keokuk.

✓ May 2--Nighthawks heard over Keokuk

May 3--More Nighthawks over Keokuk.

May 17-3 Wilson's Warblers near Keokuk

--5 Cedar Waxwings in Keokuk

--XX 1 Eastern Bluebird near Keokuk. I have seen several others in nearby Illinois and Missouri--more than I remember seeing in the last few years.

✓ May 18--1 Olive Sided Flycatcher nr. Keokuk, sitting in the tip of a dead ~~tree~~ tree. Saw another the next day in Illinois. This was the first flycatcher of any species I had seen this spring except for the Kingbird at the spring meeting in Indianola.

May 18--15 Cedar Waxwings near Keokuk

May 22--2 Eastern Kingbirds at Keokuk.

~~✓~~ --1 Ring Billed Gull at Keokuk. Others appear to have gone.

✓ May 23--1 Ring Billed Gull near Keokuk.

May 24--2 American Kestrels while driving between Keokuk and Ft. Madison. There were many during the peak of ~~the~~ their ~~migrayion~~ migration. Sometimes driving between Keokuk and Burlington on either the Iowa or Illinois side I would see as many as 10.

✓ Also, from what I consider to be a reliable report, Evening Grosbeaks remained at a feeder in Keokuk until the first of May.

Sorry I missed ~~you~~ meeting you at Indianola. I ordered Iowa Birds from Iowa State a couple of months ago and think it's great.

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