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Iowa Birdlife Summer Reports.

Loons through Bitterns -

Common Loon - 2 at Forneys Lake June 10, 11, 12
~~Pied-billed~~ (T.S., T.S. Jr.)

White Pelican - Up to 60 at Forneys Lake
June 10, 11, 12 said to have been ~~present~~ present since
May. - (T.S., T.S. Jr.)

Double-crested Cormorants - up to 12 at Forneys
Lake. (T.S., T.S. Jr.) June 11, 12

Great Blue Heron - up to 20 a S.M. late July (T.S., T.S. Jr.)

Great Egret - 1 at Union Slough June 12 (T.S., T.S. Jr.)

✓ Least Bittern - 1 at Sweets Marsh July 3
(T.S., T.S. Jr.)

Waterfowl -

Snow Geese - up to a dozen at Forneys Lake
June 11, 12 T.S., T.S. Jr.

Western Grebe - 1 June 11, 12 Forneys Lake
(T.S., T.S. Jr.) (T.S., T.S. Jr.)

✓ Red-head - Small numbers at Forneys Lake June, 11, 12

Ruddy Duck - 10 at Forneys Lake June 11, 12.
(T.S., T.S. Jr.) probably breeding (T.S., T.S. Jr.)

Diurnal Raptor through Shorebirds

✓ Swainson's Hawks bred at Hartmans Reserve
for 3rd year in a row. 1 adult and 1
immature - ~~at~~ at George Wirth obviously came
from Hartmans Reserve. (T.S. Jr.)
Over →

doc not
concerning

Merlin - 1 at White Pine Hollow June 9
(T.S., T.S.Jr)

(T.S., T.S.Jr) Upland Plover - 1 near Indianola June 10
Semipalmated Sandpipers - small numbers at
G.W. in early June (T.S., Jr)

Gallinaceous Gallinaceous Birds -
Gray Partridges - abundant in Northwest
Iowa as far east as Union slough
(T.S., T.S.Jr)

Cuckoos through Flycatchers

Both Cuckoo common a George Wyth (T.S.)
Western Kingbirds - fairly common in
Fremont County 7 counted on June 11
14 all together in western counties (T.S., T.)
Eastern Phoebe - fairly common in S.W. Iowa
It bred at White Pine Hollow ~~near~~ in N
Ia. (T.S., T.S.Jr)

* ✓ Sage Phoebe - 1 East of Akron (T.S., T.S.Jr)
Eldon Bryant). June 12 (See Docm.)

✓ Least Flycatcher - 1 June 27 near Findlay
(T.S., Jr)

Acadian ~~fly~~ flycatcher - 1 at Effigy Mounds
June 9

* Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 1 just S. of Ankeny
not noted til late July. Was seen by me
observers. ~~the next~~

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (cond) - the nest contained one bird. The nest was found on July 31 and the ~~young~~ ^{young} bird was banded the same day. And is about ready to leave nest. Many photos were ~~was~~ taken of the birds by the many observers who saw them. The male bird was not seen.

Swallows Through Harbers.

Purple Martins in good numbers by late July many many immatures seen. (T.S. Jr)

T.S., T.S. Jr) Loggerhead Shrikes - fairly common in S.W. La

T.S. T.S. Jr) 6 counted at White Pine Hollow June 9

✓ White-eyed Vireo - 1 singing at White Pine Hollow June 9 (T.S. T.S. Jr.)

✓ Bells Vireo - 1 at Big Marsh ~~June 3~~ 1 at Jorneys Lake June 12

✓ Blue-winged Warblers - 6 singing at Yellow River Forest June 9

Caribbean Warbler - a few at Effigy Mounds June 9

Kentucky Warbler - 1 at Effigy Mounds June 9

✓ Louisiana Waterthrush - 6 counted at White Pine Hollow June 9

Yellow Warblers - in good numbers at Big Marsh 15 counted there on June 3, a few in S.W. La and N.E. La June 9-12. Over →

Tennessee Warbler - June 17 one at ^{George} ~~George~~ Wey
(T.S. Jr.)

Blackbirds through Sparrows -

✓ Orchard Oriole - abundant in Western Iowa with 50 counted ~~at~~ June 9-12 as far north as Gitchie Manitow S.P.

6 singing there on June 12. Has extended range somewhat in Black Hawk county.

1, 1st year male on June 27 near Finchford

5 singing in early July at Hickory Hills S. South of Waterloo. (T.S. T.S. Jr.)

~~Star Summer Tanager - singing at Waukonsie S.P.~~

Grasshopper Sparrow - Abundant in appropriate habitat in Blackhawk county with at least 36 counted on ~~at~~ June 27. (T.S. T.S. Jr.)

✓ Vesper Sparrow - Abundant in Blackhawk county, a 55 ~~count~~ counted on June 27. (T.S., T.S. Jr.)

Lark Sparrow - Fairly common in S.W. Ia June 10-12. (T.S., T.S. Jr.)

✓ Summer Tanager - 1 ~~seen~~ ^{seen} at Waukonsie S.P. June 10-12 (T.S., T.S. Jr.)

✓ Blue Grosbeak - 1 ~~seen~~ ^{at} near Fomey's Lake June 12 1 E. of Akron June 12. (T.S., T.S. Jr., Eldon Bryant)

(T.S., T.S. Jr.) Savannah Sparrows - Common in Blackhawk Co. 29 on June

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Written Documentation

1. Species - Say's Phoebe
2. Number - 1
3. Location - 3 miles east of Akron
4. Date - June 12, 1979
5. Times bird seen about ~~8:30~~
8:30 am. to 8:45 am
6. ~~See~~ Description - Was larger than the
E. Phoebe. Generally a rusty buff color especially
underparts. Upperparts slightly darker.
The tail was black. beak - black, feet - black
7. Voice - ~~~~~
8. ~~Describe~~ Description of behavior - Was quite shy
was pumping tail like E. Phoebe. Sitting on a
dirt clod ~~catching~~ in a plowed field catching insects.
9. Habitat - general - openland with small hedgerows
nearby. Specific - plowed field, An abandoned
farm, hedgerows along barbed wired fence.
10. Similar Species. Robin - much larger
E. Phoebe - much darker.
11. Distance - and estimated - 10-60 feet ~~not~~ most
of the time 60 feet away
12. Optical equipment - ~~10x50~~ 7x50 binoculars
13. Light - clear to partly cloudy. ~~the~~ the sun
was to our backs
14. Previous Experience - 1 seen in western Colo.
15. ~~the~~ observers - (T.S., T.S. jr., Eldon Bryant.)
16. Did others ~~or~~ agree with identification - yes
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17.

18. Books - Birds of North America has a very good description, By Robbins, Brunner, and Singer.

19. How long after observing bird did you write description. Aug 3

~~How~~ Description looked up in book written write away in notebook as soon as I got home.

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Written Documentation

1. Species - Merlin
2. Number - 1
3. Location - White Pine Hollow 7 miles N.W. of Dubuque Ia
4. Date - June 9
5. time - watch not available. bird observed for about 3 min. The time was ~~probably~~ ~~near~~ ~~noon~~ somewhat
6. Description - about 10 inches in length. Back was dark gray. Underparts streaked. Undertail distinctly barred black and white.
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8. Behavior - when flying it had a fast steady wingbeat.
9. Habitat - Thick deciduous forest.
10. Similar appearing species - Sparrow hawk has ~~not~~ reddish brown upperparts and tail isn't fully barred and ~~is~~ is usually reddish brown in color.
11. Distance - and estimated 50 yds at the closest
12. Optical Equip. - ~~10~~⁷x50 binoculars
13. Light - overcast
14. Previous Experience with Species - ~~See~~ Very good look at one at Sweets Marsh this year.
15. Observers - (D.S., T.S. Jr.)
16. Both of us agreed on identification
17.

Over →

18. Books - ~~On~~ Birds of North America
by Robbins, Bunn and Ginger.

19. I first wrote a description as soon as
I got home.