

GORDON BRAND

Summer 1983 Report

Since Dr. John Van Dyke is leaving for a years absence, I plan to do the reporting. I have a Masters Degree in Biology with an emphasis in ecology. I've taught 4 years at Dordt College in the ecological sciences primarily which included field biology of birds and mammals. Currently I'm the laboratory director of a lab near Sioux Center. My interests in birds therefore more than a hobby or "chauking" life lists. Since this is my first reporting, I would appreciate receiving a note regarding what particular types of information and format are desired and how extensive the report should be. In the absence of this information, I will generally follow the pattern of Dr. Van Dyke.

Meteorological conditions during the reporting period

A wet spring continued on with a wet summer in NW Iowa. High ground water levels prevented many low areas from drying out, leaving standing water through out the period.

Species report

- ✓ Eared Grebe, 1 June 16 at Sioux-Preme lagoons near Sioux Center
- ✓ Canvasback, 3 June 6 at Sioux-Preme lagoons
- ✓ Lesser Scaup, Nesting pair at Sioux-Preme lagoons. 4 Ducklings with hen sighted June 6. The Drake was last seen June 16. No further sightings of the hen or ducklings were made.
 - Lesser Yellowlegs, first sighting for the fall migration was July 26 near Hospers.
 - Solitary Sandpiper, 1 July 25 Sioux-Preme lagoons
 - ✓ Wilsons Phalarope, 1 sighted June 7 but no nestin observed, 5 seen July 28 S.P. lagoons
 - Semipalmated Sandpiper, 8 seen July 26 at Hospers laggons
 - Least Sandpiper, 1 July 26 Hospers
 - Pectoral Sandpiper, 2 July 28 Hospers lagoons

species report cont.

- ✓ - Kentucky Warbler, 1 singing male in the loess hills near Onawa June 5
- Tennessee Warbler, singing males still present in Orange City June 1
- ✓ - Lark Sparrow, a pair with young seen July 23 5 miles east of Westfield.

General Notes

The spring warbler migration appeared to continue later into the year this year.
The preponderance of waterfowl and shorebird reporting related to my present work
in waste water analysis at Sioux-Preme and several surrounding communities.

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