

Report of Summer Observations (through July 31)

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- X Cliff Swallow: Large flocks moving through last part of July. Peak so far 600 July 29.
- Bank Swallow: Migrating also, but in far smaller numbers.
- Shorebirds: Migrating in good numbers, with 30-75 present at all times at Lake Manure, Fremont County.
- X Piping Plover: Peak count of 17 at IPL ponds early July (July 7).
- Killdeer: Peak count 28 July 12 and 15. Two half grown young July 18. A few all summer. (Manure).
- Lesser Yellowlegs: First seen July 12; 0-2 present through July 31; both adults molting into Basic. (Manure).
- U Solitary Sandpiper: First seen July 3; Peak so far 16 July 12; all adults so far. As of July 31 3 present. (Manure).
- Spotted Sandpiper: 1-4 present July 12-31; all adults in alternate. (Manure).
- X Common Snipe: 1 present July 3-7; adult in Alternate. (Manure).
- X Least Sandpiper: First seen July 11 (3); peak so far 26 July 18; 4-7 present through July 31 (Manure). All adults, most molting, *only one in good WP so far.*
- X Semipalmated Sandpiper: First seen July 4 (4); peak so far 7 July 18; most adults, some molting; only juveniles 4 on July 24; (Manure).
- Pectoral Sandpiper: First seen July 24; peak so far 29 July 31; all adults so far (Manure).
- X Baird's Sandpiper: First seen July 24; peak 4 on July 24; all adults (Manure). (No Sharp-tailed yet!).
- Western Sandpiper: Despite very careful scrutiny of all these peep at close range, I have yet to record this species, which is not unexpected, as Semipalmated winters further south and would be expected to move through earlier. The last two fall have had several Westerns in Sept and Oct.
- X Willet: 9 at IPL ponds July 3.
- X Wilson's Phalarope: 2 at Riverton July 15; ~~about 5 at Riverton July~~ one a juvenile in perfect plumage (see picture in Cramp et al p. 640; Vol. III). Bob Myers and I thought at first it might be a miniature Ruff! Extremely early date for a juvenile (see doc).
- X Great-tailed Grackle: Seen several times (see documentation) at Riverton.

Tom - I am planning to summarize the fall shorebird movement here once it is over. Very interesting especially looking at the plumage variations.

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