

6/3/85

Dear Tom,

Just a note to tell you that this was the worst spring migration I have had since I moved back to Iowa in 1978. Since March 1, we have had only about $1\frac{1}{2}$ " of rain. I did not even see a Golden Plover near Colo. At Hendrickson Marsh, shorebirds numbered in the tens & twenties.

At Brookside Park in Ames, the leaves appeared at the end of April making warbler identification impossible. I went to Brookside every day during the peak of migration and I saw many Tennessees', several yellows, some Nashvilles' and that was it. I think that the birds avoided the drier areas.

Hark

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SEASON: Spring Colo 50056 _____

YEAR: 1985 _____

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

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
Double-crested Cormorant	40	5-5	Hendrickson Marsh, Story Co.
	25	4-6	" " "
<i>aw</i> Snowy Egret	1	3-27	" " "
Least Bittern	1	5-27	" " "
Greater White-Fronted Goose	14	3-26	" " "
Snow Goose	1200	3-16	" " "
Canada Goose	1500	3-9	" " "
Semipalmated Plover	3	5-31	" " "
Upland Sandpiper	3	5-28	Hwy 65 & Hwy 30 - Go east on 30 1 mile and then south 2 miles - 2 adults & 1 2" chick
Semipalmated Sandpiper	425	5-27	Hendrickson Marsh
	150	5-31	" "
White-rumped Sandpiper	6	5-27	" "
Dunlin	9	5-5	" "
	3	5-27	" "
Long-billed Dowitcher	19	5-5	" " Crimson breast to undertail coverts - breast was barred rather than spotted
Wilson Phalarope	1	5-7	Hendrickson Marsh
Short-eared Owl	1	3-19	" "
	1	4-9	2½ miles SE of Colo, Story Co.
Loggerhead Shrike	1	4-21	1 mile north 1 mile west Hendrickson Marsh
	1	5-6	1 mile east of Hendrickson Marsh
Blue-winged Warbler	1	5-10	Ledges State Park, Boone Co.
Orange-crowned Warbler	8	4-22	Brookside Park, Ames
Yellow-throated Warbler	1	5-24	Ledges State Park

