

R#2 Box 153

Perry 50220

CONTRIBUTOR: Bob Myers

OTHER OBSERVERS: _____

SEASON: Spring 1985

YEAR: 1985

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
✓ Eared Grebe	1	4-17-85	Lakin Slough (Guthrie Co.) - I believe Steve Dismore may have seen this bird
✓ Least Bittern	1	5-13-85	Sweet Marsh - Francis Moore + Bob Cecil
✓ " "	1	5-25-85	Snake Creek Marsh (Greene Co.)
✓ Little Blue Heron	1	4-17-85	Raccoon River west of Perry, Iowa
✓ Greater Scaup	2	4-16-85	Lakin Slough
Golden Eagle	1	3-2-85	N.E. of Decorah "solitaire bluff" - Francis Moore
✓ Sandhill Crane	2	3-28+29	Birds found on 28 th by Dr. Virgil Dowell (UNW) + his Biology Class - Francis Moore + I heard the birds calling on 29 th but could not locate them.
✓ Piping Plover	1	5-8-85	Boys Branch
✓ Willet	40-45	4-30-85	Boys Branch - This is the big largest group I've seen.
✓ Hudsonian Godwit	4-10 at different times	From 5-8 to 5-22	Boys Branch
✓ Ruddy Turnstone	4	5-22-85	Boys Branch - (2 pair)
✓ Western Sandpiper	probably more	5-8-85	Boys Branch - One bird definitely showed black legs, drooped tip on bill, lighter gray-brown back + top of head with rusty patches on sides of head, crown + on scapulars - very light streak on otherwise white breast + sides - dark streak thru rump.
Shorebirds - (general)	many	mid April thru May	Boys Branch has been great - 21 sp. of Scolopocidae total for mid-April thru May
✓ Alder Flycatcher	1	5-27-85	Sayreville Wildlife Area {See-Bee-o call}
✓ Yellow-breasted Chat	1	5-11-85	Sayreville Wildlife Area

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<u>Warblers - in general</u>			<p>Maybe it was partly due to my move to a new part of the state but this was far and away the worst spring warbler migration I've had since I began banding in 1978. My biggest day (and it was in N.E. Ia.) was only 18 sp. and I only have 26 sp. to date for the year. Basically the weather was too nice - not enough fronts or unstable conditions to force birds down or off track.</p>
<u>Red Crossbill</u>	<u>1 ♀</u>	<u>5-19-85</u>	<u>Riverside Cemetery in Marshalltown</u>
<u>Pine Siskin</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5-19-85</u>	<u>Riverside Cemetery in Marshalltown - one bird was apparently feeding a younger bird.</u>
			<p>For me, this was an overall very poor spring migration for most species except for shorebirds at Bays Branch and this alone made the lack of warblers almost bearable.</p>