

Season: Spring Year: 1984

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Liscomb, Iowa, 50148

Other observers (name, city):

Phyllis Harris, Union

Mark Proescholdt, Liscomb

Ramona Sommerlot, Union

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
✓ Common Loon	3	4/1	Hendrickson's Marsh M.P.
" "	2(23)	4/14	Little Wall Lake (Hamilton Co) M.P.
" "	1	4/23	Union Grove Lake (Tama Co) MP, PH
✓ Horned Grebe	6-10	4/14	Little Wall Lake MP
" "	1	4/23	Otter Creek Marsh (Tama Co) MP, PH
- Am. White Pelican	17	4/16	Hendrickson's Marsh MP
- " " "	50	4/29	Otter Creek MP
✓ Am. Bittern	1	5/1	Marion St. Ponds, Marshalltown MP (my only sighting this spring)
✓ Cattle Egret	1	5/6	Albion flooded pasture (Marshall Co) MP, PH, RS
Gr. White-fronted Goose	8+	3/18	Saylorville MP
" "	3	3/24	Hendrickson's MP
✓ Cinnamon Teal	1	4/18 4/20	Big Marsh (Butler Co) MP, PH, RS
Osprey	1	4/16	near Marshalltown
"	1	4/20	Big Marsh MP
"	1	4/23	Otter Creek MP, PH
"	1	4/29	" " MP
"	1	5/2	Big Marsh MP, PH, RS
- " "	1	5/11	Grammer Grove W.A. (Marshall Co) MP, PH
- " "	1	5/23	Hendrickson's MP, PH, RS
✓ Cooper's Hawk	1	3/24	Red Rock MP, PH
- " "	1	4/1	Colo flats MP
✓ " "	1	5/10	Grammer Grove W.A. MP
* N. Goshawk	1	3/25	Big Creek - MP (documented)

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✓ Swainson's Hawk	1	4/6	Riverton PH
✓ " "	1	4/14	n. Marshall Co. MP
✓ <del>Swainson's</del> <del>Krider's Red-tailed</del>	1	5/4	s. Marshall Co MP, PH, RS
✓ Krider's Red-tailed Hawk	1	4/4	s.e. Story Co MP, PH, RS very white head & underparts, white tail with brush of red - had no rusty red across shoulders & upper back to make it a ferruginous - observed at length.
✓ Am. Kestrel	17	4/4	roads MP, PH, RS
* * Peregrine Falcon	1	4/29	Otter Creek documented MP
✓ Gray Partridge	2	5/20	central Boone Co.
✓ Virginia Rail	1	4/28	Doolittle Prairie (Story Co) MP, PH
" "	2	5/1	Marion St. Ponds, Marshalltown MP
" "	1	5/2	Big Marsh MP, PH, RS
✓ Common Moorhen	1	5/23	Colo MP, PH, RS
✓ Black-bellied Plover	6	5/20	Colo
✓ " " "	3	5/23	Colo MP, PH, RS
✓ Lesser Golden Plover	200+	5/20	Colo
✓	flights	5/10	9 V's (from 25 to 100 in each) flying west in evening in n. Marshall Co. Mark saw 6 flocks on 5/15 & 10 on 5/8 all flying west - is this usual??
✓ Piping Plover	1	4/29	Otter Creek MP
✓ Am. Avocet	19	5/2	Albion flooded field (Marshall Co) MP, PH, RS
✓ Willet	1	4/28	n. Marshall Co MP, PH
✓ " "	10	5/2	Big Marsh MP, PH, RS

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✓ Upland Sandpiper	2	5/11	e. of Colo, Marshall Co MP
✓ " "	2	5/20	w. Marshall Co (10 miles north of 5/11 sighting)
✓ Hudsonian Godwit	28+	5/11	Colo MP
" "	7	5/13	" "
" "	12	5/19	" "
✓ " "	2	5/28	" "
✓ Marbled Godwit	6	4/14	" "
✓ " "	2	5/2	Big Marsh MP, PH, RS in both cases they raised wings several times to show cinnamon wing linings - at Colo they called "raddica - raddica"
Wh.-rumped Sandpiper	2	5/13	Colo MP, PH
" "	1	5/23	MP, PH, RS
Stilt Sandpiper	2, 1	5/19, 5/23	Colo MP, PH, RS
✓ Short-billed Dowitcher	1	5/11	Colo - MP - 1 had a white belly - later that day there were 50+ dowitcher sp. too far to tell
✓ Amer Woodcock	1 (or 2)	4/10 - 5/13	Grammer Grove W.A. - many nights doing a sky dance - we haven't checked lately
✓ Wilson's Phalarope	22	4/25	Colo
✓ Bonaparte's Gull	2	4/4	Little Wall Lake MP, PH, RS
" "	1	4/14	along shoulder of road buffeted by strong winds MP
" "	2	"	Little Wall
" "	1	5/2	Big Marsh MP, PH, RS
Caspian Tern	2	5/11	Hendrickson's Marsh MP
" "	1	5/13	Colo MP
✓ " "	4	5/23	Pine Lake (Hardin Co) MP, PH, RS

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✓ Black-billed Cuckoo	1	5/12	Ledges S.P. MP, PH
" "	1	5/28	n. Marshall Co MP
✓ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	5/12	Ledges S.P. MP, PH
" "	1	5/26	only cuckoos seen or heard
✓ Long-eared Owl	3	3/25	Big Creek MP
Ruby-thr Hummingbird	1	5/12, 5/26	Ledges MP, PH
" "	1	5/14	Grammer Grove W.A.
" "	1	5/17, 5/28	our yard in Liscomb
" "	1	5/23	Pine Lake MP, PH, RS
			seemingly scarce
✓ Pileated Woodpecker	1	5/4, 5/11, 5/21	Grammer Grove W.A. MP, PH, RS Good to see one here after not seeing them since last spring
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	5/11, 5/17, 5/24	Grammer Grove W.A. MP, PH
" "	1	5/16	Pine Lake MP, RS
" "	1	5/26	Ledges S.P. MP, PH
✓ " "	3+	5/28	n. Marshall Co (ridge along Iowa River) MP
✓ Alder Flycatcher	1	5/23	Pine Lake MP, PH, RS
✓ " "	1	5/25	Grammer Grove W.A.
✓ " "	1	5/25	ravine near Marshalltown in each case the "fee-bee'-o" song
Winter Wren	1	4/11	Grammer Grove only one seen all season MP, PH
Veery			none seen or heard
Loggerhead Shrike	1	3/29	Hendrickson's MP, PH
" "	2	"	Runnells " "

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Loggerhead Shrike	1	5/5	near Indianola <del>MP</del>
" "	2	5/13	2 places in w. Marshall Co MP
Bell's Vireo	1	5/19	Hendrickson's MP
" "	1	5/28	n. Marshall Co (ridge along Iowa R.) MP both singing their "cheedle-cheedle-chee," "cheedle-cheedle-chew" through "clenched teeth"
Philadelphia Vireo	1	5/16	Pine Lake MP, RS
" "	1	5/19	Grammer Grove W.A. MP
Red-eyed Vireo		5/23	all over Pine Lake area
Golden-winged Warbler	1	5/16	Pine Lake (only the one ♀ seen all Spring) MP, RS
N. Parula	1	5/6	L. Aquabi MP, PH, RS
"	1	5/11	Grammer Grove
"	2, 1	5/12, 5/24	Ledges MP, PH
"	1	5/13, 5/16	Pine Lake MP
Cape May Warbler	1	5/17	our yard MP
Blackburnian Warbler	1	5/10	Grammer Grove
"	1-2	5/13, 5/16, 5/18	Pine Lake MP, RS
Yellow-throated Warb	1	5/12, 5/26	Ledges MP, PH
★ Pine Warbler	1	4/28	n. Marshall Co ridge along Iowa River documented MP, PH
Bay-breasted Warb.	1	5/16	Pine Lake MP, RS
Cerulean Warbler	1	5/26	Ledges MP, PH
Louisiana Waterthrush	1	5/12, 5/26	Ledges MP, PH
Mourning Warbler	1, 2, 1	5/16, 5/17, 5/18, 5/23	Pine Lake MP, PH, RS
"	1, 2	5/17, 5/19	Grammer Grove W.A. MP, RS
"	3	5/26	Ledges MP, PH
"	2+	5/28	n. Marshall Co (ridge along river) MP

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Canada Warbler	1	5/16	Pine Lake MP, RS
✓ Yellow-breasted Chat	1	5/13	Hendrickson's MP
Scarlet Tanager	1	5/10, 5/14	Grammer Grove
" "	1	5/13	Anderson Lake MP
" "	1, 2	5/18, 5/23	Pine Lake MP, PH, RS
✓ LeConte's Sparrow	1 (or 2)	4/20	Big Marsh MP, PH
" "	1	4/28	Doolittle Prairie MP, PH
✓ Lapland Longspur	1000+	3/7	S. Grundy Co - n. of Conrad along grassy shoulder with spilled corn
✓ " "		3/13-3/14	1000's in our area
✓ Orchard Oriole	2	5/10	our yard - 2 ♂'s
✓ " "	1	5/17	" " 1 ♂
✓ " "	1	5/18	" " 1 imm. ♂ (among plum blossoms)
✓ Evening Grosbeak	1	5/7-5/9	at our feeders
* Red-necked Grebe	1	4/14	Little Wall Lake (documented) MP
✓ Snowy Egret	3	4/27	Albion flooded pasture
	1	5/6	" " " (smaller than Gr. Egret, black bill + legs, yellow feet)
* Barrow's Goldeneye	1	4/6	Forney's Lake (documented) PH

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These are observations that only Mark saw in addition to the ones he & I saw together:

✓ Common Loon	2	4/9	Union Grove L. (Tama Co)
✓ Am. Bittern	1	4/25	Doolittle Prairie (Story Co)
✓ Osprey	1	4/19	Marshalltown gravel pits
✓ Cooper's Hawk	1	4/12	near State Center (Marshall Co)
✓ Broadwinged Hawk	30	4/24	kettling in n. Hardin Co.
✓ Am. Kestrel	28	4/9	in 180 miles of driving, Marshall, Hardin, Grundy Co.
* Peregrine Falcon	1	5/8	Hardin Co. (documented)
✓ Common Moorhen	1	5/1	Marion St. Ponds, Marshalltown
✓ Willet	2	4/25	Hendrickson's Marsh
✓ Bonaparte's Gulls	3	4/3	Marshalltown gravel pits (out E. Main St.)
Loggerhead Shrike	1	4/7	n. Marshall Co
✓ Cape May Warbler	1	5/11	Grammer Grove W.A. (n. Marshall Co)
Bay-breasted Warb	2	5/17	Union Grove L. (Tama Co)
Mourning Warbler	1	5/25	n. Grundy Co.
Canada Warbler	1 (or 2)	5/17	Pine Lake

May 29<sup>th</sup>

Dear Tom -

I ran out of field report forms and had to use some old ones - no time to get more run off. Sorry!

In spite of a rather lack-luster May at times, we ended up seeing some good birds. But there were some really quiet days!

For the three days after our 104 spring meeting it was so empty it seemed weird! On the evening of May 9<sup>th</sup> we were at Pine Lake & the area was almost devoid of birds - worse than a winter's walk. Almost eerie!

Then May 10<sup>th</sup> had the trees almost dripping with birds - on a day when many could not be out a-birding.



There were quiet days after that too, but not quite so bad. But I kept wondering about the few warblers: were they just passing through so fast they by-passed us? — are other areas of the state experiencing the same lack of birds? — are we already seeing the effect of the loss of habitat from Central American Chopping of forests??

I'm glad you're continuing as the Spring field reports editor!

Good biriding,

Beth Proescholdt