

MARTSCHING

29 May 1985

Dear Tom,

I guess the new reporting forms are ok. I have to go thru my card file 4 or 5 times in order to get my report together tho. Maybe most people don't have as much data to go thru as I do.

Some of the warbler info I usually send in I'm holding till next summer when I'll write up the Spring part of my warbler data for Brookside Park. A year or two later I hope to write up the Fall part.

I do think you may get some good info on the species listed on the forms, that otherwise would have never been reported. However notable misses would be overlooked - such as lack of Bobwhites here (confirmed by Story County conservation personnel) also lack of Yellow-headed Blackbirds even at Tiegs Marsh, where they are almost guaranteed.

With this system I'm not shure what else to report. I wasn't going to send in any early or late dates unless they at least tied the third earliest or latest in the Iowa bird book (of course even some of those dates were out-of-date by the time the book got out). But the earliest report of a given species is sometimes given in the field reports even if it isn't a new date in the early three or late three - so if my earliest or latest was close to the 3rd early or 3rd late - I sent it in anyway.



If you need to use a three letter designation for me I'd rather you used my initials PWM rather than PMA as was used in last issue.

Season: Spring Year: 1985Name and address
(print or type) Paul William Martsching
1120 Marston, Ames, Iowa 50010Other observers (name, city):
All Story County

Use first few lines to give weather and habitat conditions. Use line(s) below species data to give additional details, if needed. Mail to: T. H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City IA 52240 by 1 Mar, 1 Jun, 1 Aug, or 1 Dec.

use initials of obsv. on species line

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
✓ Snow Goose	5	25 May	Hendricksons Marsh - Story Co.
✓ Canada Goose	3,800	9 March	Hendricksons Marsh - most I've seen there
✓		25 May	Teigs Marsh - N W Story Co: 1 pair with 5 large downy young.
✓ Shoveller	1 male	25 May	Hendricksons Marsh
Ring-Necked Duck	1 fem	8 May	Hendricksons Marsh
<i>doc</i> ✓ Merlin	1 fem	2 March	State Forest Nursery in Ames; see doc.
✓ Northern Bobwhite	neither saw	nor heard	in 1984 or so far in 1985 in Story County.
<i>doc</i> Yellow Rail	2	28 April	Doolittle Prairie: see doc.
<i>on other paper</i> Black-bellied Plover	5	19 May	Hendricksons Marsh: only ones seen
✓ Lesser Golden Plover	very	scarce	this year (17 total!!); lack of rain??
✓ Semipalmated Plover	1	20 April	Hendricksons Marsh; first seen
	4	29 May	Hendrickson Marsh; last seen
✓ Greater Yellowlegs	8	4 May	Hendricksons Marsh; with 4 Lesser Yel legs; most I've seen at one time.
✓ Willet	1	24 April	Hendricksons Marsh
✓	7	27 April	Hendricksons Marsh
✓ Spotted Sandpiper	1	20 April	Hendricksons Marsh; early
✓ Sanderling	1	12 May	Hendricksons Marsh
✓	1	15 May	Hendricksons Marsh
✓ Semipalmated Sandpiper	1	20 April	Hendricksons Marsh; early
✓ Least Sandpiper	1	25 MAY	Hendricksons Marsh; latest
	1	29 May	Hendrickson Marsh; late
✓ Com. Snipe	40	6 April	Hendricksons Marsh; most
✓ Common Tern	1	20 April	Hendricksons Marsh; with 4 Forsters Terns; mid tail white; primaries dark; bill & feet deep orange; tail points shorter than Forsters.
✓ Short-eared Owl	1	7 March	Teigs Marsh - N W Story County
✓ Red-headed Woodpecker	did not see	any this year	till 23 April; numbers up to normal by end of first week of May.

Season: Spring Year: 1985

Name and address Paul W Martsching
 (print 1120 Marston
 or type)

Other observers (name, city):

Ames, Iowa 50010

Use first few lines to give weather and habitat conditions. Use line(s) below species data to give additional details, if needed. Mail to: T. H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City IA 52240 by 1 Mar, 1 Jun, 1 Aug, or 1 Dec.

use initials of obsv. on species line

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
✓ Eastern Wood Pewee	1	7 May	Brookside Park in Ames - heard too <i>early</i>
✓ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	12 May	McFarland Park NE of Ames; heard
	1	14 May	Brookside Park; heard
	1	15 May	Brookside Park; yellow throat and midline of breast.
	1	16 May	Brookside Park; generally yellow throat, breast & belly
	1	19 May	Brookside Park; yellow Throat, breast & belly.
	3	24 May	Brookside Park; all heard
	1	25 May	Brookside Park; heard
	1	26 May	Brookside Park; heard
	2	27 May	Brookside Park; heard <i>Gods</i>
	1	29 May	" " ; heard
	1	30 May	" " ; heard
✓ Great Crested Flycatcher	1	28 April	Brookside Park in Ames; earlish
<i>doc</i> ✓ Western Kingbird	1	19 May	3½ miles N of Hendricksons Marsh - Story Co. see doc
✓ House Wren	1	18 April	Brookside Park in Ames; earlyish
✓ Sedge Wren	20	28 April	Doolittle Prairie N of Ames; early
✓ Marsh Wren	2	27 April	Coopers Marsh NE of Ames; earlyish
✓ Bohemian Waxwing	4	9 March	Colo; breast brown; belly gray; undertail coverts rust; extra long crest; extra white in wings. No Cedar Waxwings were with them.
✓ Loggerhead Shrike	1	27 March	2 miles S of Tiegs Marsh in NW Story Co. mask met over bill; bill all black
	1	3 April	2½ miles N of Hendricksons Marsh
✓ Solitary Vireo	1	24 April	Brookside Park in Ames; early
✓ Tennessee Warbler			abundant this spring: peak days of 135-140 per day at Brookside Park 8th & 9th of May.
✓ Orange-crowned Warbler	1	18 April	Brookside Park Ames; early; <u>few</u> this spring.
✓ Nashville Warbler	1	23 April	Ames; early; peak of 135 ^{50 to 60} per day at Brookside Park 6th & 7th of May.
✓ Yellow-rumped Warbler			A short high peak; 148 on 27 April & 94 on 28 April at Brookside Park; other wise very few.

