Dear Dr. Kent,

Enclosed is my Field Report etc. for Spring 1985. I reviewed everything so I think everything is accurate and in a useable form.

As you will see, I got a number of early dates. I realize that I scream inexperience every time I open my mouth, but I also realize the importance of accurate and reliable field reports, so I was exceptionally cautious and conservative in everything I reported. Nearly all the birds I reported by myself I had considerable experience with last year--the only exception I can think of offhand is Yellow-breasted Chat. Virtually all birds were seen and heard-exceptions are noted in the Field Reports form. As we discussed in Marshalltown, I think the N. Waterthrush I reported on the Iowa Birdline may have been in error(although it was a Waterthrush), so I just dropped all Waterthrush reports.

I don't know whether the presence of large numbers of early arrivals in my area was due to the very early spring we had this year, or because they always get here this early and no one has been down here to report on it, or due simply to the volume of my visits--32 trips to Croton Unit, Shimek Forest between Mar. 10 and May 23. At any rate, I think most of my early dates have been updated as per post-1982 issues of Iowa Bird Life.

Also, enclosed is the Report Form for Selected Species. Although I saw a good number of these species, often with Francis Moore, my record keeping I discovered is not sufficiently thorough to be much help. Included is what I had good records on.

You are getting this early as I am on my way South and will be gone through the end of the month. I hope to see Jim Sandrock in South Texas.

Sincerely, Bob Cecil

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W.R. Silcock(WRS),F.L.M.	Ap. 28	q.	ive additional details, if needed. Mail to: . H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City IA 52240
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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
Horned Grebe*	5	Mar. 29	Rathbun Reservoir
Eared Grebe		Ap. 27	12 at Willow Slough, Mills Co./FLM 2 at Forney Lake, Fremont Co./FLM
Am White Pelican*	200	Mar. 30	Riverton Area, Fremont County/FLM. 3rd early?
All Wille Fellcan.	200	1102.00	My first for year was one at Keokuk on Mar. 19.
Great Blue Heron			Also, found active colony of perhaps 25 nests
			directly across Miss. River from Keokuk on Ill. island. Dropped note to V. Kleen who was unawa
			and happy to know.
Canvasback	2000	Mar. 5	Reached these numbers by Mar. 5, Poor 19, Moure
Calivasback			
Lesser Scaup	11	May 22	Still at Pool 19 at Montrose, Lee County
Osprey*	1	Ap. 9	Miss. River at Keokuk. My first for season.
Bald Eagle*	1	Ap. 3	Found this adult at C.U.S.F. (Croton Unit, Shime Forest) Other adults left perhaps month earlies
Datu Eaglex	54	Ap. 26	C.U.S.F. (Croton Unit, Shimek Forest)
Broad-winged Hawk	25	Ap. 27	Riverton Area(Fremont County) /FLM
Golden Eagle	**	**	**See Documentation**
Piping Plover	8	Ap. 28	I.P.L. Cooling Ponds, Mills Co./FLM
/ Killdeer	3	Mar. 1	Keokuk. My 1st for season.
Killdeel	23	Ap. 27	Willow Slough(Mills County)/FLM
Willet	15	Ap. 28	Riverton Area(Fremont Co.)/FLM Lacey-Keosauqua Park, Van Buren County/FLM
Spotted Sandpiper	1	Ap. 20	3rd early?
Semipalmated Sandpiper	4	Mar. 30	Riverton Area(Fremont Co.)/FLM. Record early?
Least Sandpiper	3	Mar. 30	Riverton Area(Fremont Co.)/FLM. 2nd early?
Am. Woodcock	3	Mar. 10	C.U.S.F. I had total of 11 for this spring incl. 5 on Mar. 24, C.U.S.F.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	4	May 8	Noted rufous in wings, spots under tail, yello mandible. C.U.S.F. 2nd early?
	3	Ap. 28	Over Keokuk, saw and heard. Record early?
Common Nighthawk *		through	C.U.S.F. Think I have found nest cavity but
V Pileated Woodpecker	2	season	no sign of young birds. Heard only, but heard clearly and repeatedly.
Eastern Wood-pewee	1	May 5	C.U.S.F. Record early?
Acadian Flycatcher	**	**	**See Documentation**

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FIELD REPORTS FORM for submitting seasonal observations of Iowa birds Page 2 of 3 Name and Robert Cecil Season: Spring Year: 1985 address (print Other observers (name, city): or type) 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 use initials of obsv. on species line by 1 Mar, 1 Jun, 1 Aug, or 1 Dec. LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS DATE NO. SPECIES Enclosed see copy of nest card. Nesting earlier than Iowa records I can find. Nesting at 3 locations by Ap. 14. * Eastern Phoebe pair In my back yard, Keokuk. Tie, 2nd early? 2 Ap. 16 House Wren C.U.S.F. 2nd early? Observed nest building May. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1 Ap. 10 Forced to highway 2 by snow in ten miles near Leon(Decatur County) 159 Mar. 31 American Robin C.U.S.F. Heard calling from thick brushy area, saw both birds. 2nd early? 2 Ap. 22 Gray Catbird Heard doubled calls from upland brushy area, saw bird singing from tops of bush. 2nd early? Had 1 Ap. 6 Brown Thrasher neak of 8 on Ap. 13. Lacey-Keosaugua Park(Van Buren)/F.L.M. Ap. 20 May 11 1 C.U.S.F. White-eyed Vireo From May 15, C.U.S.F. 3 Riverton Area(Fremont Co.)/FLM, WRS. Tie, 3rd 1 Ap. 28 Warbling Vireo Vireos were here before this, but I could only be hear them. These were heard and seen. C.U.S.F. 3 Ap. 29 Red-eyed Vireo Tie, 3rd early? C.U.S.F. Heard distinctive two note buzzy song, followed to find bird. Other three birds heard Ap. 22 4 ✓ Blue-winged Warbler* only. Record early? By Ap. 29 at least 7 territorial birds. C.U.S.F. Noted conspicuous gray cap, white eye ring. Bird silent. 3rd early? 1 Ap. 26 Nashville Warbler C.U.S.F. Went to place where Parulas were last year, heard rising buzzy song from high in 2 Northern Parula Ap. 13 Cottonwoods, finally spotted bird. 2nd early? Also 1 at Waubonsie S.P. (Fremont Co.) Ap. 27 with F.L.M., W.R.S. Yellow-Throated Warbler 3 Ap. 20 Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. /FLM. C.U.S.F. Record early? This bird singing and seen along wooded stream where found last year. 1 Ap. 22 Cerulean Warbler* summering. I think Jim Sandrock gets these before published early dates. Lacey-Keosauqua S.P./FLM. 3rd early? 1 Ap. 20 Ovenbird C.U.S.F. Record early? It took me best part of an hour to sneak up on these singing birds. Ap. 24 Kentucky Warbler Thought I might confuse voice with Ovenbird, also present.

*Also on Spring selected species report form

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ellow-breasted Chat	3	May 23	area. All birds heard and seen. Saw two birds
			displaying. Area heavily brushy with multiflor rose, etc.
ummer Tanager	1	Ap. 28	Waubonsie S.P. /FLM, WRS. 3rd early? Ft. Madison(Lee Co.) Tie, 2nd early? Got this
ose-breasted Grosbeak	1	Ap. 24	while doing housing quality survey in Ft. Madi Guy I was with had never seen one and was quit impressed.
ndigo Bunting	1	Ap. 29	C.U.S.F. 3rd early? Saw this male only.
Dickcissel	1	Ap. 28	Fremont Co. /FLM, WRS. 3rd early?
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