

Summer 1984 Report

Meteorological Conditions: A wet spring was followed by record wet, rainy conditions in June with considerable flooding along the major rivers. July, however was quite seasonable. Occasional showers during the period kept the streams flowing while allowing marshy areas to dry out.

Species Report:

- Semi-palmated Plover - 3, First observed at Sioux-Preme lagoons near Sioux Center on July 25
- Solitary sandpiper - 1, First observed July 18 at S.P. lagoons.
- Lesser Yellowlegs - First observed July 9, S.P. lagoons
- Pectoral Sandpipers - " " " " " " ,
some appeared to be immature
- Silt sandpipers - 30, first observed July 21, S.P. lagoons
- Semi-palmated Sandpiper - first sighting, July 18, S.P. "
- Wilson's Phalarope, 3, July 31, S.P. lagoons, were observed spinning & bill dipping
- Black Tern - 1, occasionally observed thru July
- Bank Swallows - 30, July 4, at S.P. lagoons, observed until July 22
- Cliff Swallows - 4, nesting under bridge near Struble, IA
- Blue Grosbeak, 1, July 18, near Orange City, IA

General Notes: Shorebirds were especially early this year. Early drawdown of lagoons with exposed mudflats may have contributed to the large numbers on these early dates.

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