

Field Reports - Iowa - Summer 1985

Observer: Mark D. Dixon, Ames (or Waukeee)

species	date(s)	no.	location	notes
Wood Duck	5/30	1+10	Ledges S.P., ^(Boone Co.) Story Co.?	10 ducklings & mother
Upland Sandpiper	7/1	1-2	Story Co., SW of Ames	Cutover Out field
"	other times in July	1	"	"
Woodcock	4/17 and later in March	2	SE Dallas Co.	Courtship flights
Spotted Sandpiper	Late May	1	Ledges S.P. (Boone Co.)	
Gray Partridge	6/5	2	Story Co., SW of Ames	Beans & Corn, little cover
	7/17	1	" " "	
Broadwinged Hawk	late May - June	≥ 2	Ledges S.P. (Boone Co.)	attempted to nest?
Peregrine Falcon	6/5	1	Ames, (Story Co.)	is documented
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	6/5	2-3	Ledges S.P. (Boone Co.)	Courtship display
	later in June		"	
Acadian Flycatcher	late May and throughout June	2-4 males	Ledges S.P. (Boone Co.)	saw in at least 4 areas
Eastern Phoebe	May and June	4 pairs	Ledges S.P. (Boone Co.)	At least 4 pairs, nesting under bridges and on sandstone banks.
	6/5		Ledges S.P. (Boone Co.)	♀ feeding 2 Cowbirds, another ♀ feeding 1 Cowbird and one Phoebe
Eastern Bluebird	6/30	2	Ledges S.P. (Boone Co.)	a pair in suitable nesting habitat
Veery	5/29 - 6/30	10-12 singing ♂ or more	Ledges S.P.	prob. over 12 singing males, also saw some females
Wood Thrush	6/22	1	Ledges S.P.	♀ feeding Cowbird, less common than Veery in Ledges?
Yellow-throated Vireo	6/21	1	Ledges S.P.	♀ feeding Cowbird
Bell's Vireo	early June	1 ♂	Dallas Co.	
Northern Parula	late Mid May on			
	May 29, 30	3	Ledges S.P.	Peak no. around 3; mid & late May
	June 9	2	"	
	June 20	1	"	Later only had 1 ♂ singing in sycamore

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Blue-winged Warbler	5/29 6/9	1 or more 1	Ledges S.P. "	At least 2 diff. birds
American Redstart	Mid May - June 30 6/30	prob > 25 ♂	Ledges S.P.	marked sites for at least 11, were many more ♂
Yellow-throated Warbler	Mid May - June 23 6/23	1-2 ♂	Ledges S.P.	heard 2 on June 23, in sycamores
Cerulean Warbler	May 29 (and earlier) - 6/30 (5/29)	≥ 8 ♂	Ledges S.P.	At least 8 singing males
Hooded Warbler	May 29, 5/29 and 6/22	1?	Ledges S.P.	tough to see, singing ♂
Kentucky Warbler	5/29 (and earlier) - late June (Mid May - June)	3-4 ♂	Ledges S.P.	very tough to see
Louisiana Waterthrush	Mid May - late June (at least)	5-7 pairs Creeks and Lost Lake	Ledges S.P.	At least one pair had 4 offspring - fledged
Ovenbird	5/29 - late June (at least)	≥ 20 ♂	Ledges S.P.	Marked at least 11
Brown-headed Cowbird	parasitized Wood Thrush, Phoebe, Y. T. Vireo - Ledges " Chipping Sparrow - campus, Vesper Sparrows - cropland			
Scarlet Tanager	Mid May, 6/5, 6/22	≥ 2 pairs	Ledges S.P.	

Other notes

- surprisingly, no Yellow Warblers in Ledges

→ - 6/21 - 2 Ovenbird fledglings, 6/22 + 6/23 - several more

✓ - Ledges S.P.

- At least ~~10~~¹¹ species of Parulinae during breeding season

- also Common Yellowthroat, Worm-eating Warbler - Steve Dinsmore

→ - Wild Turkey - June 8 - Hen and 2 young - Ledges State Park
June 14 - 1 bird

Notes on Vesper Sparrows

- heavily parasitized by Cowbirds, nests destroyed by cultivation in corn and bean fields and by heavy rains in early June.