

8/3/85

Dear Jim -

Hope this report is of interest. The sheet on the C.R. Breeding Bird Count shows the results of a morning count of birds in the C.R. Christmas Count area in mid-June. By our rules, we must stay within the circle, and we stop at 11 A.M. This was our third count, and the highest in species.

Cheers!

Pete Midgham

- I hope to be a more regular contributor to the Iowa bird reports than in the past. - we'll see how it goes!

P.

2201 5th Ave SE  
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1985 C.R. BREEDING BIRD  
COUNT.

Field Check List

Date 6-15-85

Time 5:30-11:00 AM

Weather

Fog ~~at~~ early;  
then clear;  
Sunny  
Temp 60-80°

Locality

CEDAR RAPIDS  
CHRISTMAS  
COUNT AREA

Observers

12 observers, 6 parties

Total Species

LOONS

Common

GREBS

Horned  
Eared  
Western\*†  
✓ Pied-billed 1

PELICANS

White

CORMORANTS

Double-crested

HERONS, BITTERNS

✓ Great Blue 1  
✓ Green 9  
Little Blue\*  
Cattle Egret\*  
Great Egret  
Snowy Egret\*  
Black-crowned Night  
Yellow-crowned Night  
Least Bittern  
American Bittern

SWANS

Whistling\*

GESE

✓ Canada 33  
White-fronted  
Snow

DUCKS

✓ Mallard 127  
Black  
Gadwall  
 Pintail  
Amer. Green-winged Teal  
Blue-winged Teal  
Cinnamon Teal\*†  
American Wigeon  
Northern Shoveler  
✓ Wood 6  
Redhead  
Ring-necked  
Canvasback  
Lesser Scaup  
Common Goldeneye  
Bufflehead  
Oldsquaw\*  
Ruddy  
Hooded Merganser  
Common Merganser  
Red-breasted Merganser

VULTURES, HAWKS

Turkey Vulture  
Oshawk\*  
Sharp-shinned  
Cooper's  
✓ Red-tailed 1  
Red-shouldered\*  
Broad-winged  
Swainson's  
Rough-legged  
Golden Eagle\*  
Bald Eagle  
Marsh  
Osprey  
Peregrine Falcon\*  
Merlin\*  
American Kestrel

GOOSE, QUAIL, PHEASANTS

Ruffed Grouse  
✓ Bobwhite 21  
✓ Ring-necked Pheasant 31  
Gray Partridge

TURKEYS

Turkey

CRANES, RAILS, COOTS

King Rail  
Virginia Rail  
Sora  
Common Gallinule  
✓ American Coot 1

FLOVERS

Semipalmated  
Piping\*  
✓ Killdeer 5  
American Golden  
Black-bellied  
Ruddy Turnstone

SANDPIPERS, etc.

✓ American Woodcock 2  
Common Snipe  
Whimbrel\*  
Upland  
Spotted  
Solitary  
Willet  
Greater Yellowlegs  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Pectoral  
White-rumped  
 Baird's  
Least  
Dunlin  
Long-billed Dowitcher  
Sift  
Semipalmated  
Western\*  
Buff-breasted\*  
Marbled Godwit\*  
Hudsonian Godwit  
Sanderling  
American Avocet\*†  
Wilson's Phalarope  
Northern Phalarope

GULLS

Herring  
Ring-billed  
Franklin's  
Bonaparte's

TERNs

✓ Forster's 4 (reported as  
Common T.,  
but probably  
Forster's)

DOVES

✓ Rock Dove 216  
Mourning 74

CUCKOOS

✓ Yellow-billed 5  
Black-billed

OWLS

Barn\*  
Screech  
✓ Great Horned 2  
Snowy\*  
Barred  
Long-eared  
Short-eared  
Saw-whet

GOATSUCKERS, etc.

✓ Chuck-will's-widow  
Whip-poor-will  
Common Nighthawk  
✓ Chimney Swift 18  
✓ Ruby-thr. Hummingbird 1  
✓ Belted Kingfisher 7

WOODPECKERS

✓ Common Flicker 27  
Pileated  
✓ Red-bellied 10  
✓ Red-headed 46  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
✓ Hairy 2  
✓ Downy 37

FLYCATCHERS

✓ Eastern Kingbird 19  
Western Kingbird\*†  
✓ Great Crested 17  
Eastern Phoebe  
Yellow-bellied\*  
Acadian  
✓ Willow 3  
Least  
✓ Eastern Wood Pewee 27  
Olive-sided

LARKS, SWALLOWS

✓ Horned Lark 19  
Tree 1  
Bank 100  
Rough-winged 46  
Barn 27  
✓ Cliff 44  
Purple Martin

JAYS, CROWS

✓ Blue Jay 54  
✓ Common Crow 49

TITMICE

✓ Black-capped Chickadee 104  
✓ Tufted Titmouse 31

NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS

✓ White-breasted Nuthatch 18  
Red-breasted Nuthatch  
Brown Creeper

WRENS

✓ House 71  
Winter  
Bewick's\*  
Carolina  
Long-billed Marsh  
✓ Short-billed Marsh 4

MINIS

Mockingbird  
✓ Gray Catbird 99  
✓ Brown Thrasher 35

THRUSHES

✓ American Robin 167  
✓ Wood 15  
Hermit  
Swainson's  
Gray-cheeked  
✓ Veery 3  
✓ Eastern Bluebird 2

GNATCATCHERS, KINGLETS

✓ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1  
Golden-crowned Kinglet  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet

PIPITS, WAXWINGS

Water Pipit  
Bohemian Waxwing\*  
✓ Cedar Waxwing 4

SHRIKES

Northern\*  
Loggerhead

STARLINGS

✓ Starling 260

VIREOS

✓ White-eyed\* 1  
✓ Bell's 2  
✓ Yellow-throated 3  
Solitary  
✓ Red-eyed 5  
Philadelphia\*  
✓ Warbling 3

WARBLERS

✓ Black-and-white 1  
Prothonotary  
Worm-eating\*  
Golden-winged  
✓ Blue-winged 1  
Tennessee  
Orange-crowned  
Nashville  
Northern Parula  
✓ Yellow 2  
Magnolia  
Cape May  
Black-throated Blue\*  
Yellow-rumped  
Black-throated Green  
Cerulean  
Blackburnian  
Chestnut-sided  
Bay-breasted  
Blackpoll  
Pine\*  
Palm  
✓ Ovenbird 10  
Northern Waterthrush  
Louisiana Waterthrush\*  
Kentucky  
Connecticut\*  
Mourning  
✓ Common Yellowthroat 83  
Yellow-breasted Chat  
Hooded\*  
Wilson's  
Canada  
✓ American Redstart 5  
WEAVER FINCHES  
✓ House Sparrow 186  
BLACKBIRDS  
✓ Boblink 7  
✓ Eastern Meadowlark 19  
✓ Western Meadowlark 3  
✓ Red-winged 334  
✓ Orchard Oriole 1  
✓ Northern Oriole 49  
Rusty  
Brewer's†  
✓ Common Grackle 132  
✓ Brown-headed Cowbird 113  
TANAGERS  
✓ Scarlet 1  
Summer  
FINCHES, SPARROWS  
✓ Cardinal 157 61  
✓ Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
Blue Grosbeak\*†  
✓ Indigo Bunting 93  
✓ Dickcissel 29  
Evening Grosbeak\*  
Purple Finch  
Common Redpoll  
Pine Siskin  
✓ American Goldfinch 109  
Red Crossbill  
White-winged Crossbill  
✓ Rufous-sided Towhee 17  
✓ Savannah 1  
✓ Grasshopper 3  
LeConte's\*  
Henslow's\*  
Sharp-tailed\*  
✓ Vesper 5  
Lark  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Tree  
✓ Chipping 21  
Clay-colored  
✓ Field 51  
Harris'  
White-crowned  
White-throated  
Fox  
Lincoln's  
Swamp  
✓ Song 32  
Lapland Longspur  
Snow Bunting

# Field Check List

Date JUNE-JULY '85  
 Weather Long ←  
 Time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Locality SCP = Squaw Cr. Park  
PDP = Palisades Downs Preserve  
CR = Coralville Res  
MB = Matzell Bridge

Observers PETE WICKHAM  
 Total Species \_\_\_\_\_

- LOONS**  
 Common \_\_\_\_\_
- GREBS**  
 Horned \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sared \_\_\_\_\_  
 Western\*† \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pied-billed \_\_\_\_\_
- PELICANS**  
 White \_\_\_\_\_
- CORMORANTS**  
 Double-crested \_\_\_\_\_
- HERONS, BITTERNS**  
 Great Blue \_\_\_\_\_  
 Green \_\_\_\_\_  
 Little Blue\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cattle Egret\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Great Egret \_\_\_\_\_  
 Snowy Egret\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Black-crowned Night \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yellow-crowned Night \_\_\_\_\_  
 Least Bittern \_\_\_\_\_  
 American Bittern \_\_\_\_\_
- SWANS**  
 Whistling\* \_\_\_\_\_
- GESE**  
 Canada Flock doing well, multiplying, in Cedar Rapids  
 White-fronted \_\_\_\_\_  
 Snow \_\_\_\_\_
- DUCKS**  
 Mallard \_\_\_\_\_  
 Black \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gadwall \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pintail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amer. Green-winged Teal \_\_\_\_\_  
 Blue-winged Teal \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cinnamon Teal\*† \_\_\_\_\_  
 American Wigeon \_\_\_\_\_  
 Northern Shoveler \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wood \_\_\_\_\_  
 Redhead \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ring-necked \_\_\_\_\_  
 Canvasback \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lesser Scaup \_\_\_\_\_  
 Common Goldeneye \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bufflehead \_\_\_\_\_  
 Oldsquaw\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ruddy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Headed Merganser \_\_\_\_\_  
 Common Merganser \_\_\_\_\_  
 Red-breasted Merganser \_\_\_\_\_
- VULTURES, HAWKS**  
 Turkey Vulture several areas, max 32 coming into roost, L. Geode S.P. 7-16  
 Goshawk\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sharp-shinned \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cooper's \_\_\_\_\_  
 Red-tailed regular 7-16  
 Red-shouldered\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Broad-winged 1, Matzell Bridge, 7-13, may rest there.  
 Swainson's \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rough-legged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Golden Eagle\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bald Eagle \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marsh \_\_\_\_\_  
 Caprey \_\_\_\_\_  
 Peregrine Falcon\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Merlin\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 American Kestrel very scarce

- GROUSE, QUAIL, PHEASANTS**  
 Ruffed Grouse \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bobwhite low numbers, except SE Iowa common  
 Ring-necked Pheasant \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gray Partridge \_\_\_\_\_
- TURKEYS**  
 Turkey continues to increase
- CRANES, RAILS, COOTS**  
 King Rail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Virginia Rail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sora \_\_\_\_\_  
 Common Gallinule \_\_\_\_\_  
 American Coot \_\_\_\_\_
- POULTRY**  
 Semipalmated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Piping\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Killdeer \_\_\_\_\_  
 American Golden \_\_\_\_\_  
 Black-bellied \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ruddy Turnstone \_\_\_\_\_
- SANDPIPERS, etc.**  
 American Woodcock 1, 6/15, SCP  
 Common Snipe 1, 7/6, PDP  
 Whimbrel\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Upland \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spotted several areas  
 Solitary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Willet \_\_\_\_\_  
 Greater Yellowlegs \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lesser Yellowlegs late July, CR  
 Pectoral \_\_\_\_\_  
 White-rumped \_\_\_\_\_  
 Baird's \_\_\_\_\_  
 Least late July, CR  
 Dunlin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Long-billed Dowitcher \_\_\_\_\_  
 Silt \_\_\_\_\_  
 Semipalmated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Western\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Buff-breasted\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marbled Godwit\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hudsonian Godwit \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sanderling \_\_\_\_\_  
 American Avocet\*† \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wilson's Phalarope \_\_\_\_\_  
 Northern Phalarope \_\_\_\_\_
- GULLS**  
 Herring \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ring-billed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Franklin's \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bonaparte's \_\_\_\_\_
- TERNs**  
 Forster's \_\_\_\_\_  
 Common \_\_\_\_\_  
 Least\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Caspian \_\_\_\_\_  
 Black \_\_\_\_\_
- DOVES**  
 Rock Dove \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mourning \_\_\_\_\_
- CUCKOOS**  
 Yellow-billed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Black-billed scarce - 1 seen, near Amara Woods, Iowa County.
- OWLS**  
 Barn\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Screech \_\_\_\_\_  
 Great Horned common  
 Snowy\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Barred common  
 Long-eared \_\_\_\_\_  
 Short-eared \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saw-whet \_\_\_\_\_
- GOATSUCKERS, etc.**  
 Chuck-will's-widow \_\_\_\_\_  
 Whip-poor-will abundant, SE IA max 34, Shinnick 6-22  
 Common Nighthawk \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chimney Swift \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ruby-thr. Hummingbird \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belted Kingfisher \_\_\_\_\_

- WOODPECKERS**  
 Common Flicker \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pileated PDP area, MB area  
 Red-bellied \_\_\_\_\_  
 Red-headed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hairy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Downy \_\_\_\_\_
- FLYCATCHERS**  
 Eastern Kingbird \_\_\_\_\_  
 Western Kingbird\*† \_\_\_\_\_  
 Great Crested \_\_\_\_\_  
 Eastern Phoebe very scarce, CR area; 1, PDP, 7-6  
 Yellow-bellied\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Acadian see reverse 3, Shinnick, 6-23  
 Willow fewer than usual  
 Least \_\_\_\_\_  
 Eastern Wood Pewee \_\_\_\_\_  
 Olive-sided \_\_\_\_\_
- LARKS, SWALLOWS**  
 Horned Lark \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tree \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rough-winged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Barn \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cliff \_\_\_\_\_  
 Purple Martin a few - seem to be less though
- JAYS, CROWS**  
 Blue Jay \_\_\_\_\_  
 Common Crow \_\_\_\_\_
- TITMICE**  
 Black-capped Chickadee \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tufted Titmouse \_\_\_\_\_
- NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS**  
 White-breasted Nuthatch \_\_\_\_\_  
 Red-breasted Nuthatch \_\_\_\_\_  
 Brown Creeper \_\_\_\_\_
- WRENS**  
 House \_\_\_\_\_  
 Winter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bewick's\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Carolina \_\_\_\_\_  
 Long-billed Marsh \_\_\_\_\_  
 Short-billed Marsh at least 4 nesting, prairie area, MB
- MINNIES**  
 Mockingbird one, 7-13, MB (not singing)  
 Gray Catbird \_\_\_\_\_  
 Brown Thrasher \_\_\_\_\_
- THRUSHES**  
 American Robin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wood \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hermit \_\_\_\_\_  
 Swainson's \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gray-cheeked \_\_\_\_\_  
 Veery see reverse side  
 Eastern Bluebird \_\_\_\_\_
- GNATCATCHERS, KINGLETS**  
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher a few  
 Golden-crowned Kinglet \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet \_\_\_\_\_
- PIPITS, WAXWINGS**  
 Water Pipit \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bohemian Waxwing\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cedar Waxwing rather common
- SHRIKES**  
 Northern\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Loggerhead \_\_\_\_\_
- STARLINGS**  
 Starling \_\_\_\_\_
- VIREOS**  
 White-eyed\* 1, SCP, 6-15  
 Bell's several at MB nesting  
 Yellow-throated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Solitary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Red-eyed surprisingly few  
 Philadelphia\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Warbling \_\_\_\_\_

- WARBLERS**  
 Black-and-white 1, PDP, 7-6  
 Prothonotary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Worm-eating\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Golden-winged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Blue-winged see reverse  
 Tennessee \_\_\_\_\_  
 Orange-crowned \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nashville \_\_\_\_\_  
 Northern Parula see reverse  
 Yellow see reverse  
 Magnolia \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cape May \_\_\_\_\_  
 Black-throated Blue\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yellow-rumped \_\_\_\_\_  
 Black-throated Green \_\_\_\_\_  
 Carolinian \_\_\_\_\_  
 Blackburnian \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chestnut-sided \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bay-breasted \_\_\_\_\_  
 Blackpoll \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pine\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Palm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ovenbird \_\_\_\_\_  
 Northern Waterthrush \_\_\_\_\_  
 Louisiana Waterthrush\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kentucky (see reverse)  
 Connecticut\* (see reverse)  
 Mourning \_\_\_\_\_  
 Common Yellowthroat \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yellow-breasted Chat (several)  
 Hooded\* (over)  
 Wilson's \_\_\_\_\_  
 Canada \_\_\_\_\_  
 American Redstart \_\_\_\_\_
- WEAVER FINCHES**  
 House Sparrow \_\_\_\_\_
- BLACKBIRDS**  
 Redstart \_\_\_\_\_  
 Eastern Meadowlark \_\_\_\_\_  
 Western Meadowlark \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yellow-headed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Red-winged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Orchard Oriole (reverse)  
 Northern Oriole \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rusty \_\_\_\_\_  
 Brewer's† \_\_\_\_\_  
 Common Grackle \_\_\_\_\_  
 Brown-headed Cowbird \_\_\_\_\_
- TANAGERS**  
 Scarlet \_\_\_\_\_  
 Summer 4, 6-22, near Croton, Lee Co.
- FINCHES, SPARROWS**  
 Cardinal \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak \_\_\_\_\_  
 Blue Grosbeak\*† \_\_\_\_\_  
 Indigo Bunting \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dickcissel decreasing  
 Evening Grosbeak\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Purple Finch \_\_\_\_\_  
 Common Redpoll \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pine Siskin \_\_\_\_\_  
 American Goldfinch \_\_\_\_\_  
 Red Crossbill \_\_\_\_\_  
 White-winged Crossbill \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rufous-sided Towhee \_\_\_\_\_  
 Savannah \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grasshopper \_\_\_\_\_  
 LeConte's\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Henslow's\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sharp-tailed\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vesper \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lark several, SE Iowa  
 Dark-eyed Junco \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tree \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chipping \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clay-colored \_\_\_\_\_  
 Field \_\_\_\_\_  
 Harris' \_\_\_\_\_  
 White-crowned \_\_\_\_\_  
 White-throated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fox \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lincoln's \_\_\_\_\_  
 Swamp \_\_\_\_\_  
 Song \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lutescent Longspur \_\_\_\_\_  
 Snow Bunting \_\_\_\_\_

Acadian Flycatcher: Saw and heard 22 or came float down Magnetata R. from Monticello on 5-27. Also, found 2 in PDP on 7-6... the only likely nesting birds in Linn Co. I have found.

Alder Flycatcher: Found two on 6-10 at Mattsell Bridge. These were clearly late migrants, as they were in shrubby upland brush, which seems typical migration habitat for them. They ~~were~~ <sup>were</sup> not ~~seen~~ <sup>seen</sup> there on later trips. "wee-be-oh" call clearly heard.

Veery. Recorded 5, Amunua Woods, on 6-29 and 5, Palisades-Dows Preserve, on 7-6. This species may be increasing in our area... we are certainly finding more individuals locally than we used to.

Blue-winged Warbler.

- 3, Mattsell Bridge, on 6-10
- 1, nr Squaw Creek Park, on 6-15
- 2, Amunua Woods, 6-29
- 2, Palisades-Dows Preserve, 7-6

Parula Warbler

- 4, Shimek State Forest area, 6-23. This species clearly nests in SE Iowa.

Yellow Warbler - very scarce in our area this year. What has happened to them? Our local breeding bird count had only one Louisiana Water-Thrush

Louisiana Water-Thrush

- 1, Shimek Forest, SE Iowa, 6-23
- 1, Amunua Woods, 6-29
- 1, Palisades-Dows Preserve, 7-6 (the only probable nesting area in Linn Co. known to me at present time).

Kentucky Warbler

Besides finding these in the usual places (1, Amunua Woods, 6-29; 3, Shimek, 6-23) I found at least five (4 singing ♂♂) in Palisades-Dows on 7-6... I think this is the only nesting area for these in Linn County at present known to me.

Hooded Warbler

John Broz of C.R. Audubon found one (saw it) at PDP in June. I saw and heard one at Amunua Woods on 6-29.

Orchard Oriole - seems more common this summer in our area. Found one adult ♂ singing just E of SCP on 6-15. Also, recorded 6 in Shimek area, Lee Co., 6-23

Stops this is helpful.

The Palisades-Dows Preserve is a terrific area, which I got into for the first time on 7-6-85. Some of the species present there that day, apparently nesting, may not nest anywhere else in Linn County. I've mentioned them above.