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Dear Dr. Halmi:

Following are my summer observations. Many were made on a 1200 mile swing through northern, western and central Iowa with Joe Schaufenbuel over the 4th of July holiday.

White Pelican--21 at Union Slough N.W.R. on 2 July (w/J.S.).

Great Egret--5 near New Albin on 6 July; 2 at L&D #9 on 20 June.

Black-crowned Night Heron--2 at Cardinal Marsh on 11 June; 10 at Union Slough on 2 July (w/J.S.).

Least Bittern--1 at Cardinal Marsh on 11 June and 1 at Union Slough on 2 July.

Am. Bittern--2 at Union Slough on 2 July (w/J.S.).

Green-winged Teal--1 male at Cardinal Marsh on 11 June; 3 at Union Slough on 2 July (w/J.S.).

Ring-necked Duck--2 males at Cardinal Marsh on 19 June.

Hooded Merganser--a female with 4 young in YRF on 16 June; 1 female at Cardinal Marsh on 19 June.

Cooper's Hawk--1 near Harpers Ferry on 8 July; a pair with free-flying young near Marquette on 29 July.

Red-shouldered Hawk--summer observations of adults and young at Sny Magill Creek, YRF, and Marquette.

Broad-winged Hawk--2 pair in YRF during summer; 1 at Effigy Mounds on 11 June; 1 at Brush Creek Canyon State Preserve on 29 June.

Am. Kestrel--found at 7 locations in NE during summer; 20 (15 along northern tier of counties) observed on 1200 mile trip throughout Iowa 1-4 July (w/JS).

Wild Turkey--female with 9 young in YRF on 12 June; 3 females with 15 young near Marquette on 8 July.

Am. Woodcock--numerous observations in NE including 6 at Brush Creek Canyon in June and 3 at George Wyth Park on 4 July.

Com. Snipe--2 at Cardinal Marsh on 2 Aug.

Upland Sandpiper--1 near Arlington on 22 June; 2 near DeSoto Bend N.W.R. on 3 July (w/J.S.).

Lesser Yellowlegs--2 at Union Grove S.P. on 4 July (w/J.S.).

Least Sandpiper--15 at Union Grove S.P. on 4 July (w/J.S.).

Ring-billed Gull--12 at Lansing on 6 July; 20 at Silver Lake on 2 July (w/J.S.).

Franklin's Gull--1 at Silver Lake on 2 July (w/J.S.).

Forster's Tern--4 at Cardinal Marsh on 7 July.

Caspian Tern--2 at Lansing on 6 July.

Cuckoos--Yellow-billed and Black-billed Cuckoos were observed in about equal numbers; observed on most field trips.

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Pileated Woodpecker--continues to do well in NE where from 4-7 may be seen in one day in suitable habitat.

Red-headed Woodpecker-- common

Hairy Woodpecker--observed in a 1:1.8 ratio with Downy Woodpeckers.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker--1 at Gitchie Manitou State Preserve on 2 July (w/J.S.); others were found during the summer at Decorah, YRF, Lansing, New Albin, and Marquette; 2 nests were found near Marquette.

Western Kingbird--seemed to fairly common in western tier of counties where they were found in 1:2 ratio with E. Kingbirds on 2 July (w/J.S.).

Say's Phoebe--1 pair and nest w/2eggs and 2 young in Plymouth County on 2 July (w/J.S.).

Acadian Flycatcher--common in suitable habitat; 10 nests found.

Least Flycatcher--2 during summer in YRF; 1 at North Bear Creek on 30 June; 4 near Marquette on 17 June.

Tufted Titmouse--found on most field trips; 7 pairs in Brush Creek Canyon.

Veery--3 (and 1 nest) in Brush Creek Canyon during June; 4 in White Pine Hollow on 18 June; 2 in YRF on 16 June.

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Black and White Warbler--1 male in YRF on 16 June; 1 female at L&D #9 on 29 July.

Golden-winged Warbler-- 1 in YRF and 1 at L&D #9 on 29 July.

Blue-winged Warbler--numerous observations in NE

Yellow Warbler--42 counted along 2½ miles of Bloody Run Creek (compared with 21 last year); also numerous in other locations in NE.

Cerulean Warbler--numerous observations.

Yellow-throated Warbler--2 males at Ledges S.P. on 4 July (w/J.S.).

Chestnut-sided Warbler--1 male at Pikes Peak on 11 June.

Louisiana Waterthrush--5 in White Pine Hollow on 18 June; 3 at Pikes Peak on 11 June; others in YRF, Bixby S.P., and Brush Creek Canyon.

Kentucky Warbler--not as numerous in NE as last year; 1 in Waubonsie S.P. on 3 July (w/J.S.). (54)

Yellow-breasted Chat--1 in YRF during June; 2 near Marquette on 17 June.

Hooded Warbler--1 male near Marquette during June-July.

Wilson's Warbler--2 in YRF on 30 May.

Am. Redstart--Continues to be common in NE; 20 territorial males in Brush Creek Canyon during June.

Orchard Oriole--5 near L&D #9 on 15 June; 2 at Gitchie Manitou and 2 near DeSoto Bend on 3 July (w/J.S.).

Scarlet Tanager--Numerous in NE; 23 territorial males in Brush Creek Canyon during June.

Blue Grosbeak--5 observed in Plymouth and Woodbury Counties on 2 July (w/J.S.).

Henslow's Sparrow--2 near Decorah on 23 June.

Lark Sparrow--3(two carrying food) near Decorah on 30 May (w/J.S.).

Swamp Sparrow--10 at Cardinal Marsh during summer; numerous at Union Slough on 2 July (w/J.S.).

Bell's Vireo--1 during summer in YRF; 2 males at Union Grove S.P. on 4 July (w/J.S.).

Sincerely,

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