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April 24

American Woodcock.

Ralph Silver, a member of IOU, has a summer cabin on five acres of timber bordering Grand River, north of Lansoni. On April 24, a friend was hunting mushrooms on his place and flushed a woodcock with several young. He picked one up to bring to Ralph for identification and he said, "Look! There is another one near your doorstep!"

May 19-

I saw a flock of Baird's Sandpipers at Lake La Stene they were there several days. But on May 23 were gone and two Semipalmated Sandpipers there.

Shorebirds scarce but lake on northside so low that it was a perfect place for them.

No Black Terns, and we
used to see many flying low
over the sewage lagoons.

May 12 - a Black-billed
Cuckoo found singing on a
fence post by Madeline
Ballantyne, a member of ORN.

April 8 - Yellow-bellied
sapsucker netted.

April 9 - Phalaris seen again.
On April 9, 1975, storm about
wiped them out here.

Not one Empidonax Flycatcher
banded this spring and
none seen since.

Hermit Thrushes - 3 banded
Earliest date April 15.

Wood Thrush banded April 25

Many Gray-cheeked Thrushes
this year.

No Bluebirds have been
seen.

No Golden-Crowned Kinglets
banded or seen, but many
Ruby-crowned Kinglets this
year.

Loggerhead Shrike common
in this area.

Warblers scarce this
spring, but I did band two
interesting ones

Kentucky Warbler - April 28
Black Poll - May 4.

When I first studied birds,
they told me Black Poll last
to migrate, when one saw
him, migration was over!

Bobalinks arrived May 3.
They nest in Lamoni area

Purple Finches abundant
I banded 157.

Harris Sparrow still at
feeder May 13.

White-throats abundant
but no White-Crown Sparrows
ever seen.

Scarlet Tanager banded
May 9.

1. Snow Geese by the hundreds at Black Hawk Lake near Lake View, Iowa, Sac Co.
2. Four Goldeneyes (Common) at Lake Lashane March 14
3. Franklin Gulls at Black Hawk Lake near Lake View
4. Screech Owl in a barn on edge of Lamoni
5. Great Horned Owl nesting within the city limits of Lamoni. (He has his nest in a silver maple in a cavity and it is where I put up my nets for banding!)
6. Many Red-headed Woodpeckers here
- *7. Hairy Woodpecker - I have banded three this month. Last year I did not band even one.
8. Eastern Phoebe - Sighted one near a wooden bridge. I hadn't seen a phoebe since the April 9, 1975 blizzard here.
9. Cedar Waxwings. - big flocks in Lamoni. Graceland College campus has plenty of berries for waxwings
- *10. Loggerhead Shrike - Saw one on March 9 and more on March 31 They are not scarce in this area. Donald Gillaspay tells me the reason why is that there are still many hedge row fences where they can nest.
11. Rusty Blackbirds with large flocks of Redwings on March 31
12. Purple Finches. I have banded 134 so far.
13. No Pine Siskins this year at feeders
14. Many Goldfinches at the feeders.
- *15. Rufous-sided Towhee. Banded one as early as March 15
16. Fox Sparrows - Early date for a banded one March 15 Banded 7 so far
17. Harris Sparrows coming to my feeder April 4
18. Tree Sparrows still here - One banded one at the feeder on April 4.

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