

REPORT FOR AMERICAN BIRDS AND IOWA BIRD LIFE

August 1, 1977 to November 30, 1977

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Observations:

Double-crested cormorant:

2 near the Jolly Roger area of the Coralville Reservoir (CoR) with M. Newlon and C. Knight on Oct. 9.

7, flying over road across CoR northeast of North Liberty, Johnson County, Oct. 11.

Sharp-shinned hawk:

First seen on Sept. 2 and seen regularly through Oct. 13 as follows.

- 1, Hickory Hill Park (HHP), Iowa City, Sept. 2
 - 1, Univ. of Iowa Pentacrest, Iowa City, Sept. 14
 - 1, HHP, Sept. 19 "
 - 5, HHP, Sept. 24
 - 2, HHP, Sept. 20
 - 1, Iowa City, Sept. 25
 - 1, HHP, Sept. 27
 - 1, HHP, Sept. 30
 - 4, CoR, Oct. 2
 - 2, CoR, Oct. 9
 - 1, HHP, Oct. 13
- 20 total

Cooper's hawk:

1, HHP, Sept. 20. Identified by size and rounded tail. For a while it was flying with several broad-wings and it was slightly longer than they were. Height was low enough that banded tails of broad wings were nearly visible to naked eye. Tail of accipter was not fanned but the central tail feathers were longer than ones on side. Bird flew directly overhead.

Red-tailed hawk:

3 dark-phased red-tailed hawks were seen at Sugar Bottoms on the CoR the morning of Nov. 13. None had red tails. Two birds were seen at $\frac{1}{4}$ mile and the top of tail ~~was~~ towards base was light on both birds for at least $\frac{1}{2}$ of tail length. I could not tell if light area was "mottled" or barred lightly. The third bird flew directly overhead at several hundred feet and the light undertail with dark splotches was easily visible. The tail was dark at its tip. However, the top of tail of this bird could not be seen. All three birds had dark wing linings and bodies. Barring in the underside of primaries distinguish them from dark rough-legs. But none of three was seen well enough to be a "Harlan's" for sure.

Red-shouldered hawk: top of page 2.

Broad-winged hawk: Biggest kettle seen was on Sept. 14 over the U. of Iowa Pentacrest. On the kettle of 80 was seen and a total of 200 was seen between 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. HHP yielded the following: 10 on Sept. 19, 30 on Sept. 20, 11 on Sept. 24, 3 on Sept. 24 (p.m.), 1 on Sept. 25, and 2 on Oct. 1. Total of above is 256.

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Same as Mike Newlon Oct. 18?

Red-shouldered hawk: 1 adult over residence near HHP on Oct. 1. It was generally with 2 broad-wings, so shape comparison was made. Narrower white bands in tail were evident. Darker body and wing linings were seen but light was such that color could not be discerned.

Rough-legged hawk:

Total of 4 seen during period. 1 at Sugar Bottom, CoR on Nov. 13; 2 in HHP on Nov. 19; 1 at Mahafferty (spelling?) Bridge, CoR, on Nov. 26 with the Knights and the Newlons.

N. Harrier:

Few seen! 1, HHP on Sept. 30; 1, CoR on Oct. 2; 1, CoR on Oct. 11; and 1 male at Sugar Bottoms, CoR on Oct. 22. *Total of 4.*

Osprey:

A total of 4 in Iowa this fall. Rather early(?) in HHP on Sept. 2; 1 over residence ~~in~~ near HHP on Sept. 19; 1 over intersection of I-80 and Prairie du Chem Rd. NE Iowa City on Sept. 25; 1 at CoR on Oct. 9 with M. Newlon and the Knights.

American Kestrel:

Very few seen. Only 1 around Iowa City in HHP on Sept. 22. 3 seen in Southern Lee County near Missouri border on Sept. 18. They always seem more common in SE Iowa and NE Missouri. I saw 6 on the morning of Sept. 18 during an early morning, 20-mile drive on county roads in Lewis Co. Missouri. I've had similar experience of seeing a reasonable ~~number~~ number of Kestrels in NE Missouri in the fall the last two years.

SHOREBIRDS: none after 5 August. I stopped by Cone Marsh that morning as I was leaving on vacation and there were several hundred shorebirds, mostly pectorals and semipalmated sandpipers. I saw 1 Stilt sandpiper and 1 Wilson's phalarope.

Belted Kingfisher:

1 flying over HHP on each of Sept. 20 and Oct. 13. Also 1 seen several times in early October at Cou Falls, CoR, and 2 at the bridge across the CoR north of Greencastle corner on Oct. 9.

Eastern Phoebe: Few seen. Total of 3. 1 in HHP on Sept. 20; 1 at residence on 1 Oct.; 1 at CoR spot on 2 Oct.

Tufted Titmouse: Fewer than 10 seen during period.

Carolina Wren: none seen

Golden-crowned kinglet: Few seen after seeing only 1 in the spring. 5 at two spots on CoR on 2 Oct.; several in pine grove at Sugar Bottoms, CoR, on Nov. 6;.

Blue-gray gnatcatcher:

4 seen on three dates in HHP between Aug. 30 and Sept. 11.

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Loggerhead shrike:

3 seen several miles north of Lone Tree in SE Johnson Co. on August 5.

White-eyed vireo:

1 immature was still in HHP on Sept. 22 and 1 adult was seen on Sept. 24.

Philadelphia vireo:

1 in HHP on Oct. 5.

Warblers: mostly rather late dates.

Golden-winged: 1 in HHP on Aug. 30 and another on Sept. 2.

Nashville: 1 near Sugar Bottom, CoR, on Nov. 6.

Northern Parula: 1 in HHP on Sept. 25.

A magnolia warbler and an American Redstart were foraging in the same tree in HHP, along with r.b. nuthatch, on Oct. 5.

Purple finch: none seen thus far.

Pine siskin: (after not seeing any last winter or spring)

2 at residence in NE Iowa City on Oct. 22 and 2 in HHP on Nov. 19.

Rufous-sided towhee:

Few seen except for a wave in HHP of 5-10 birds the morning of Oct. 5.

White-throated sparrow:

1 in HHP on Sept. 11 rather early.

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