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for N. Halmi

from R. DeCoster

Yellow-crowned Night Heron: Not the CoR bird.

1 adult, Shimck State Forest, Lee Co., 2 July 1977.

Brood-winged Hawk: late date

1 adult seen from 628 Reno St, Iowa City, on 7 June.

Northern Harrier:

1 male, Sand Point, CoR, 19 June.

The ones at Williams Prairie, 19 June.

1 female, McBride Field Campus of U. of Iowa, ~~27~~ 25 June.

Ruby-throated Hummingbirds only 2 seen during period.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: early migrant in Hickory Hill,

Iowa City, on 25 JULY.

Blue-grey Gnatcatcher:

An apparent family group of 4 or 5 birds at Polkades-Kepler State Park, 18 June.

1 at Cou Falls, CoR, 19 June.

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White-eyed Vireo: "rare breeding bird"

A. 2 singing birds (several times imitating olive-sided flycatcher's song) + 1 immature (dark-eyed) at Cone Marsh, 18 June.

B. Several birds of this species have been seen + heard throughout the period in Hickory Hill Park. In late May, 3 birds were heard singing simultaneously.

Only double-coincidences were heard during the period, but the spatial distribution leads me to believe that there were three singing birds of this species in the area. At least one bird was heard on each of the following dates. June 20, 24, 27, 30; July 2, 12, 16, 25.

Bell's Vireo: blue list

There were two breeding pairs in Hickory Hill during the summer. The birds in the north area of the park were seen +/or heard on June, 20, 27, 30, July 12, 16, 25.

There were two different singing birds in the north area on 12 + 16 July. The birds in the east-central area of the park were heard +/or seen on 6/20, 6/24, 6/27, <sup>7/2</sup>7/12, 7/16 + 7/25. On 20 June the latter pair were observed severely scolding a raccoon, finally decoying him into climbing several yards up a locust tree, at which time the vireos suddenly disappeared.

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Bell's Vireo: continued

Other locations that Bells were observed were Cow Fall on 19 June, William's Prairie, 19 June, & at two different spots ~2 miles west of Green castle Corner, Co R, on 9 July.

Cerulean Warbler: 1 seen at Palisades Kepler on 18 June

Yellow-breasted chat: there were two birds singing in Hickory Hill throughout period. On 27 June a chat was seen while singing in the top of a bare hawthorne bush at the same ~~time~~ time that a second bird was heard singing in an area south of the other bird. A bird was seen or heard in the north area on June 20, 24, 27, 30, July 2 & 16 & in the southern area on June 20, 27 & July 2.

Orchard Oriole:

1 first year male was seen in Hickory Hill on 20 June, but was not seen again.

1 first year male & a female were seen at Swan Lake on 19 June. On ~~19~~<sup>25</sup> June the first year male was observed hawking for insects from wire fence & then feeding the insects to a begging young oriole. The female was seen on 9 July in the same general area.

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### Rufous-Sided Towhee:

There were at least two singing birds in Hickory Hill throughout period. A female was observed with a male bird in the north area of the park on 20 June.

Elsewhere this species was common.

Several birds were heard at McBride Field Campus & a female-male pair was observed there on 25 June.

Single birds were heard in wooded areas on the east & west ends of the Coralville Dam & in a wooded area along Prairie du Chain Rd, Iowa City, ~1/2 mile north of Interstate-80.

They were most abundant at Shimok State Forest, Lee County ~~at~~ on 3 July, when eleven (11) singing birds were counted at five (5) well-separated stops along <sup>a road</sup> ~~the road~~ through the forest.

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