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Field reports for Red Rock area (Fall of 77)



Single common Loon below the dam on Nov. 12

White Pelicans

1st sighted Sept 19 (GB) numbered 150
increased to 300 by the 21st
to a high of 430 by the 24th
most had left by the 30th but about 15 stragglers stayed till Oct 2

Double-crested Comorants

4 on Sept 24 - 2 on Sept 28th

Cattle Egrets-15 sighted in one flock in pasture on south side of the lake. *date?*

Great Egrets

1 on Sept 24 - 12 Sept 1 - 1 Aug 16

Black-crowned Night Herons

3 on Sept 26 (RRR) - 2 on Aug 9 (Skunk river in Marion county)

Least Bittern - one on Aug 13

White-fronted geese - 6 on Sept 26

Ducks-thousands of Blue-winged Teal moved in the 1st of Sept and were gone again by within 4 days. through Sept and into Oct all species were scarce. Late Oct and early Nov, some of the common migrants started to move in, middle Nov estimate by the wildlife biologists was 35,000 Mallards. (check Gladys Black report for more ducks).

* Red-tailed Hawk, dark phase mature - Oct 12

Broad-winged Hawk

kettle of 13 on Sept 24 - single hawk on same date

** Bald Eagle - single mature on Sept 24 (earliest record for Red Rock)

see note on following page

Northern Harrier -

2 on Sept 24 - single sightings throughout Sept-Oct. - 14 sighted over Iowa Conservation Commission public hunting and fishing area in Marion county, Sept 13

Osprey

one Sept 3^{RRR} - one Sept 25 (Skunk fiver Keokuk county)

American Kestrel

Very few sightings of this species in the Red Rock area all year long. Never more than a single sighting on trips in RR and many trips with no sightings. Harrison county Sept 16, flocks of 14, 19 11.

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Field reports for Red Rock cont.



No plovers or sandpipers observed in Red Rock area this fall other than Killdeer and spotted sandpiper.

Gulls - thousands for Ring-billed Gulls throughout latter part of Oct and into November, with a few Bonaparte's and Herring.

Yellow-billed cuckoo - one on Sept 3

Common Nighthawk - flock of 24 apparently migrating south on Sept 3

Short-billed Marsh wren - 8 on Aug 20 (Iowa river in Hardin county)

Eastern Bluebird 1st week in Oct three flocks 12, 20, 23.

Warblers - only the common species sighted - many individuals, but only a few species. Myrtle, Tennessee, Nashville, Black and White - all in Sept and early Oct.

* Immature Red-tailed Hawks 5 on Oct 19-20

* Immature Bald Eagles 1 on Oct 28

2 on Oct 30

Several sightings of 2 immature Balds in Nov.

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