

Summer Bird Report 1977 8 Black
Red Rock and Pleasant Grove Twp.

Great Blue Herons - began drifting in in late June.
a dozen seen.

Green Heron - 1 seen at Lake, Limping,
1 seen in Lucas County, Colquhoun area

Mallard - a few seen on L. Red Rock all summer
but had no nesting reports as in previous years

Turkey Vulture - Summer (non-breeders) flocks of
20 to 30 roosting on Elk Rock and
Red Rock Bluff. No nesting known.

Red-tailed Hawk - 9 pairs in Pleasant Grove Twp
and ~~East~~ edge of Warren County.
2 nests failed and 1 successful,
Others not located

Amer. Kestrel - none seen all summer
(once had 6 pairs in this area)

Killdeer - scarce except around Lake.

Woodcock - 1 pair and 4 chicks seen W. of Pville

Forster's Terns - 11 seen last 2 weeks of July, Lake R.P.

Black Terns - flock of 25 seen on July 18 " "

Yellow-billed Cuckoos - very scarce

Black - " " - none seen

Screech Owls - 1 nested successfully here in town.

Whip-poor-will - heard in wooded bluffs around
R.P. Refuge at several places.

Nighthawks - Scarce, 1 pair here in Pville
1 seen in Red Rock area.

Chimney Swift - a few in my neighbor's fire
place chimney. Scarce with most
chimneys blocked.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 2 at feeders here in town
2 at syrup 5 miles north of town. I saw
none on field trips

Red-headed Woodpecker - Numerous all over this
area.

Harry - Seldom see one.

Eastern Kingbird - fairly numerous.

(over)

2) Western Kingbird - 1 in West Des Moines nestings
1 pair in Ankeny - nestings
in both these areas reported 1975 & 1976

Eastern Phoebe - had 4 reports from over the state
Had 3 pairs only in Pville, Red Rock area
1 pair nested in a garage near Russell, Lucas County

Barn Swallows - many seen near farm bldgs.

Cliff Swallows - flock nested on Red Rock dam

also under 1 small bridge on old 14.
The nests on west side of Mile Long Bridge
all fell, made of soil that would not hold together
Nesting on 1 natural cliff, Painted Rocks
within Red Rock Refuge.

Purple Martins - no houses filled, down in
numbers. Fewer in each house.

Mockingbirds - None all summers in fields
where they have nested for past 20 years.

Eastern Bluebirds - Scarce, only 2 pairs seen.

1 pair at Felsings near RR dam

1 pair in No. Elk Rock State Park

Cedar Waxwings - 1 pair nested in Pville,
(which is uncommon here.)

Loggerhead Shrikes - 3 pairs nested SE of town

1 pair reported near Bedford Ia.

Donald Gillapsey reported about 1 pair every
5 to 7 miles in the Lamoni (Decorah Co) area

Red-eyed Vireos - few

Belted Vireo - 1 singing in old pasture SE of Pville
but never located the nest!

Common Yellowthroat - fairly common.

Yellow-breasted Chat - None in areas where
at least 2 pairs once nested,

Amer. Redstart - none seen or heard,

Yellow Warblers - 1 nest, 4 young there.

Bobolinks - None in the big field where they
have nested for years. Grass sparrow, drought.
4 pairs in No. Elk Rock Park grass field
but they left after field was mowed unnecessarily.

Red Rock + Pl. Grove Twp, Summer '77

3) Red winged Blackbirds - most numerous nester here

Orchard Oriole - 1 pair nested SE of Pville.

1 first year male in No. Elk Rock State Park during nesting season.

Northern Oriole - my impression is that they are down from a few years ago.

Brown-headed Cowbird - too numerous

Rosebreasted Nuthack - good numbers altho fewer at the Jelmy woods near Red Rock dam than 1976
5 pairs along a mile stretch of Rock Island RR also along C.B. & S. SE of Pville.
and in North Elk Rock State Park.

Indigo Bunting - fairly numerous and still singing madly!

Pickcissel - 2nd most numerous nester but I have seen higher populations in past years.

Amer. Goldfinches - numerous.

Grasshopper Sparrows - rare

Donald Sillapsey reports several near Lamoni

Redstart - sided Towhee - a pair here & there in suitable habitat which is scarce in this area.
1 pair west of Pville, 1 pair No. of Pville,
1 pair in No Elk Rock State Park

Chipping Sparrows - numerous here in town

Field Sparrow - numerous in fields but fields of grass becoming rarer!

→ Scarlet Tanager - only 1 pair located nesting 5 miles south of Pella in Marion County at bird bath daily at country home.

Upland Sandpipers - 1 pair nested at Lamoni, D Sillapsey
1 pair at farm near Bedford. None here.

2 Bewick's Wrens reported in Forest City in April
Yellow Warblers, Y. Bluebirds, Night Hawks reported from Lavaca La (Marion County)