

Stravers
Field notes for spring at Red Rock area - notes by Jon Stravers and Gladys Black (GB)

30 White Pelicans - April 2 - 6

7 Double-crested Cormorants (GB)

Every species of duck listed on IOU check list, except Cinnamon Teal and Oldsquaw.
Very few canvasbacks

3 Cattle Egrets on a farm on north side of lake for 10 days through May 9. (GB)

1st Turkey Vultures returned around March 10.

As many as 11 Bald Eagles were sighted in early Mar. (GB) 5 stayed on until the last week in March.

1 Osprey in late March and 1 in mid-April.

Good Northern Harrier migration through the area beginning in Feb. and continuing through April. As many as 8 sighted in late March, and 2 sighted the 31st of May.

Small numbers of common Sandpipers, with 6 Wilson's Phalaropes on May 7.

A few Franklin's Gulls, Forster's Terns and 12 Caspian Terns in late April.

Phoebes are scarce, but a nest was recorded in Elk Rock State Park.

Grasshopper Sparrows in Roberts Creek Park.

Cliff Swallows have abandoned previous nesting sites and were having trouble building nests underneath mile long bridge because of snady mud.

Few Warblers.

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Field Check List

Date _____ Weather _____ <div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">Spring of 77</div>	Time _____ Locality <i>Lake area</i> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">RED ROCK & SURROUNDING PONDS</div>
Observers <i>Jon Stravers, Pella</i>	
Total Species _____	

The 271 species listed are birds one could reasonably expect to see in Iowa in proper season and habitat. Accidentals and most casuals have been omitted. Species names conform to the A.O.U. Check-List, 5th Ed., with supplements.

LOONS

____ Common

GREBES

- ____ Horned
 ____ Eared
 ____ Western*†
 ____ Pied-billed

PELICANS

____ White

CORMORANTS

____ Double-crested

HERONS, BITTERNS

- 1 Great Blue *MAR 18*
 ____ Green
 ____ Little Blue*
 ____ Cattle Egret*
 ____ Great Egret
 ____ Snowy Egret*
 ____ Black-crowned Night
 ____ Yellow-crowned Night
 ____ Least Bittern
 ____ American Bittern

SWANS

____ Whistling*

GEESE

- 1000 Canada
 ____ White-fronted
2,500 Snow *MAR 24*

DUCKS

- 4,000 Mallard
 ____ Black
20 Gadwall *MAR 24*
20 Pintail *MAR 19*
15 Amer. Green-winged Teal *MAR 24*
28 Blue-winged Teal *MAR 20*
 ____ Cinnamon Teal*†
20 American Wigeon *MAR 15*
100 Northern Shoveler *MAR 19*
6 Wood *MAR 19*
15 Redhead *MAR 24*
200 Ring-necked *MAR 20*
4 Canvasback *MAR 19*
200 Lesser Scaup *MAR 24*
8 Common Goldeneye *MAR 20*
35 Bufflehead *MAR 19*
 ____ Oldsquaw*
 ____ Ruddy
12 Hooded Merganser *MAR 24*
80 Common Merganser *MAR 19*
2 Red-breasted Merganser *MAR 27*

VULTURES, HAWKS

- 1st Turkey Vulture Mar 10
 ___ Goshawk*
 ___ Sharp-shinned
 ___ Cooper's
 14 Red-tailed 7 nests
 ___ Red-shouldered*
 ___ Broad-winged
 ___ Swainson's
 ___ Rough-legged
 ___ Golden Eagle*
 11 Bald Eagle
 10 Marsh
 1 Osprey Mar 24
 ___ Peregrine Falcon*
 ___ Merlin*
 ___ American Kestrel

GROUSE, QUAIL, PHEASANTS

- ___ Ruffed Grouse
 ___ Bobwhite
 ___ Ring-necked Pheasant
 ___ Gray Partridge

TURKEYS

- ___ Turkey

CRANES, RAILS, COOTS

- ___ King Rail
 ___ Virginia Rail
 ___ Sora
 ___ Common Gallinule
 ___ American Coot

PLOVERS

- ___ Semipalmated
 ___ Piping*
 ___ Killdeer
 ___ American Golden
 ___ Black-bellied
 ___ Ruddy Turnstone

SANDPIPERS, etc.

- ___ American Woodcock
 2 Common Snipe
 ___ Whimbrel*
 ___ Upland
 ___ Spotted
 ___ Solitary
 ___ Willet
 ___ Greater Yellowlegs
 ___ Lesser Yellowlegs
 ___ Pectoral
 ___ White-rumped
 ___ Baird's
 ___ Least
 ___ Dunlin
 ___ Long-billed Dowitcher
 ___ Stilt
 ___ Semipalmated
 ___ Western*
 ___ Buff-breasted*
 ___ Marbled Godwit*
 ___ Hudsonian Godwit
 ___ Sanderling
 ___ American Avocet*†
 ___ Wilson's Phalarope
 ___ Northern Phalarope

GULLS

- 2000 Herring many
 Ring-billed
 Franklin's
 Bonaparte's

TERNs

- ___ Forster's
 ___ Common
 ___ Least*
 ___ Caspian
 ___ Black

DOVES

- ___ Rock Dove
 ___ Mourning

CUCKOOS

- ___ Yellow-billed
 ___ Black-billed

OWLS

- ___ Barn*
 ___ Screech
 ___ Great Horned
 ___ Snowy*
 ___ Barred
 ___ Long-eared
 ___ Short-eared
 ___ Saw-whet
 GOATSUCKERS, etc.
 ___ Chuck-will's-widow
 ___ Whip-poor-will
 ___ Common Nighthawk
 ___ Chimney Swift
 ___ Ruby-thr. Hummingbird
 ___ Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS

- ___ Common Flicker
 ___ Pileated
 ___ Red-bellied
 ___ Red-headed
 ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
 ___ Hairy
 ___ Downy

FLYCATCHERS

- ___ Eastern Kingbird
 ___ Western Kingbird*†
 ___ Great Crested
 ___ Eastern Phoebe
 ___ Yellow-bellied*
 ___ Acadian
 ___ Willow
 ___ Least
 ___ Eastern Wood Pewee
 ___ Olive-sided

LARKS, SWALLOWS

- ___ Horned Lark
 ___ Tree
 ___ Bank
 ___ Rough-winged
 ___ Barn
 ___ Cliff
 ___ Purple Martin

JAYS, CROWS

- ___ Blue Jay
 ___ Common Crow

TITMICE

- ___ Black-capped Chickadee
 ___ Tufted Titmouse

NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS

- ___ White-breasted Nuthatch
 ___ Red-breasted Nuthatch
 ___ Brown Creeper

WRENS

- ___ House
 ___ Winter
 ___ Bewick's*
 ___ Carolina
 ___ Long-billed Marsh
 ___ Short-billed Marsh

MIMICS

- ___ Mockingbird
 ___ Gray Catbird
 ___ Brown Thrasher

THRUSHES

- ___ American Robin
 ___ Wood
 ___ Hermit
 ___ Swainson's
 ___ Gray-cheeked
 ___ Veery
 ___ Eastern Bluebird

GNATCATCHERS, KINGLETS

- ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
 ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet
 ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet

PIPITS, WAXWINGS

- ___ Water Pipit
 ___ Bohemian Waxwing*
 ___ Cedar Waxwing

SHRIKES

- ___ Northern*
 ___ Loggerhead

STARLINGS

- ___ Starling

* Rare, but are seen more than once in 5 years.

† Western species reaching Iowa.

VIREOS

- ___ White-eyed*
- ___ Bell's
- ___ Yellow-throated
- ___ Solitary
- ___ Red-eyed
- ___ Philadelphia*
- ___ Warbling

WARBLERS

- ___ Black-and-white
- ___ Prothonotary
- ___ Worm-eating*
- ___ Golden-winged
- ___ Blue-winged
- ___ Tennessee
- ___ Orange-crowned
- ___ Nashville
- ___ Northern Parula
- ___ Yellow
- ___ Magnolia
- ___ Cape May
- ___ Black-throated Blue*
- ___ Yellow-rumped
- ___ Black-throated Green
- ___ Cerulean
- ___ Blackburnian
- ___ Chestnut-sided
- ___ Bay-breasted
- ___ Blackpoll
- ___ Pine*
- ___ Palm
- ___ Ovenbird
- ___ Northern Waterthrush
- ___ Louisiana Waterthrush*
- ___ Kentucky
- ___ Connecticut*
- ___ Mourning
- ___ Common Yellowthroat
- ___ Yellow-breasted Chat
- ___ Hooded*
- ___ Wilson's
- ___ Canada
- ___ American Redstart

WEAVER FINCHES

- ___ House Sparrow

BLACKBIRDS

- ___ Bobolink
- ___ Eastern Meadowlark
- ___ Western Meadowlark

- ___ Yellow-headed
- ___ Red-winged
- ___ Orchard Oriole
- ___ Northern Oriole
- ___ Rusty
- ___ Brewer's†
- ___ Common Grackle
- ___ Brown-headed Cowbird

TANAGERS

- ___ Scarlet
- ___ Summer

FINCHES, SPARROWS

- ___ Cardinal
- ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- ___ Blue Grosbeak*†
- ___ Indigo Bunting
- ___ Dickcissel
- ___ Evening Grosbeak*
- ___ Purple Finch
- ___ Common Redpoll
- ___ Pine Siskin
- ___ American Goldfinch
- ___ Red Crossbill
- ___ White-winged Crossbill
- ___ Rufous-sided Towhee
- ___ Savannah
- ___ Grasshopper
- ___ LeConte's*
- ___ Henslow's*
- ___ Sharp-tailed*
- ___ Vesper
- ___ Lark
- ___ Dark-eyed Junco
- ___ Tree
- ___ Chipping
- ___ Clay-colored
- ___ Field
- ___ Harris'
- ___ White-crowned
- ___ White-throated
- ___ Fox
- ___ Lincoln's
- ___ Swamp
- ___ Song
- ___ Lapland Longspur
- ___ Snow Bunting