

Dean Mosman!

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Dear Nicholas:

Here is my Spring Report. Due to the cold wet weather, most Spring Migrants were a couple weeks late.

Raptor. A Female Peregrine Falcon was seen on a kill, which was a Flicker. It was watched by my Son, Mike, and myself, for 15 to 20 min. Kestrel sighting were better than last Spring. With the Major movement around the 21st of March. With 4 Banded that day.

Red-headed Woodpeckers seemed to be back to normal after there absents during the Winter.

Purple Martins were first seen April 2, 10 days later than last year. They seem to be in good numbers at this time from my reports in Polk County.

Thrush sighting seemed to be down. Also it looks like the Eastern Bluebird may have had a bad Winter. With sightings down from last year at this time.

Red-eyed Vireos sightings were up from last Spring.

The Warblers seemed to be in good numbers. With the Major wave on May 14.

I guess the most exciting thing of the Spring was the sighting of a Worm-eating Warbler on the 27 of May. My Wife, Diane, and I listen to it singing for sometime before I was able to see it. The sighting was made in South Central Greene Co.

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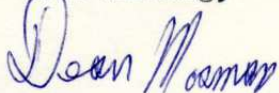
What? When? Dream-cum-entation!

Yellow-headed Blackbirds are back at the Ankeny Ponds. After being absent last year. Pine Siskins were seen as late as May 14 at my feeder.

Sparrows seemed to be in good numbers.

All sightings were in N.E. Polk Co., except for the one Warbler sighting.

Good birding,



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