

Kent

Spring Notes of birds sited by T.H. Kent 3-1-78 to 5-14-78

Common loon: 1 at Lake McBride 4-5; 1 south of Iowa City in sandy pits 4-30

horned grebe: 1 at Jolly Roger 4-23

double crested cormorant: 2 at Mark Twain 4-2; 1 at Sandy point 4-26; 1 at Amenc 5-11

great egret: 1 at Jolly Roger 4-9

cattle egret: 2 at Fairport Fish hatchery 5-13

black-crowned night heron: at Cone Marsh on 4-30(1), 5-6(2), 5-11(8)

Mute swan: 1 flying up Mississippi River at Buffalo 3-11-78

Greater Scaup: 1 at Princeton 3-19-78

Sharp-shinned hawk: seen 3-22(1), 4-5(3), 4-22(1), 5-9(1), 5-11(1)

Coupe's hawk: 1 at Muskrat Slough 5-6-78

Red-shoulder hawk: 1 at Muscatine 3-11

Rough-legged hawk: 1 on 3-25; 1 on 3-4

Bald eagle: 1 at Cone Marsh 3-25; 2 at Dupont Bridge Road 3-26

American Kestrel: seen on ten trips; eleven on 3-22

Bobwhite: scarce 1 on 3-19; 1 on 4-23; 1 on 4-26, 10 on 4-29, 2 on 5-6,

1 on 5-12

yellow rail: 3 at Cone Marsh 4-30; one on 5-6

Virginia Rail: ten seen on 5-11 at Cone Marsh + Muskrat Slough

Sora: very common, 30 seen on 5-11

Amazon Golden plover: 6 at Cone Marsh on 4-23, 12 at Muskrat slough on 5-6

Common snipe: abundant - flight sound heard on 4-14, 4-15, 4-26, 4-29, 4-30, 5-6

Upland sandpiper: 1 on 4-23 near east edge of Johnson Co; 2 on 5-13 near Sun Lake

Willet: 12 at Sandy beach 4-29, 1 at Muskrat slough 5-6

White-rumped sandpiper: 20 at Sycamore pond 5-11

Dunlin: 10 at cone marsh 5-6

Stilt sandpiper: 1 at Sycamore pond 5-11

Marbled godwit: 3 at sycamore pond 5-11

Hudsonian godwit: 15 at sycamore pond 5-11

downy woodpecker species: 1 at Cone Marsh 3-25 (rarely)

Wilson's phalarope: large numbers - 50 on 5-11

Turkey: 1 at Lone Marsh 4-30

Franklin's gull: 1 over fields near Swan Lake 4-8; 1 at Jolly Roger 4-9

Bonaparte's gull: 8 at Jolly Roger 4-8, 2 at Muscatine 5-13

black tern: large number - a flock of 50 at lone marsh on 5-12

long-eared owl: 3 near Swan Lake 3-11

belted kingfisher: seen on 9 trips 4-5, 4-8, 4-9, 4-12, 4-23, 4-25, 4-29, 5-12, 5-13

piloted woodpecker: The only bird seen at Swan Lake on 4-1

phoebe: 1 at Mark Turin 3-22, 1 at Williams prairie 4-14; 2 at Wildcat Den 4-12, 4-13

willow flycatcher: 2 at Swan Lake 5-11

olive-sided flycatcher: at Jolly Roger + Swan Lake 5-11

red-breasted nuthatch: ~~1~~ 1 at Hickory Hill on 5-11

written wren: 1 at Swan Lake 4-26

Carolina wren: heard in yard on at least 16 trip days

long-billed marsh wren: seen at Swan Lake on 4-29

mockingbird: 1 near Jolly Roger on 4-22

bluebird: scarce - 1 near Hills on 4-23

golden crowned kinglet: only 1 seen 4-15

northern shrike: 1 singing near Swan Lake 3-12

1-gorgethead shrike: 1 seen in eastern Johnson Co 5-13

white-eyed vireo: at Hickory Hill on 5-6, 5-14

Belt's vireo: 1 at Lone Marsh 5-11

Philadelphia vireo: 1 seen & heard near Lone Marsh 5-11

black and white warbler: an early arrival at Hickory Hill 4-22

worm-eating warbler: 1 at Lone Marsh 4-30

Cape may warbler: 1 near Lone Marsh 5-11, 3 at Wildcat den + Credit 1, had 5-13

black-throated blue warbler: 1 near Lone Marsh 5-6

Louisiana water thrush: 2 at Wildcat Den 5-12

Kentucky warbler: 1 at Wildcat Den 5-12, 5-13

morning warbler: 1 at Wildcat Den 5-13

yellow-breasted chat: 1 at Wildcat Den 5-13

hooded warbler: 1 at Wildcat Den 5-12, 5-13

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yellow-headed blackbird: common at Lone Marsh and Munskent
slough and 1 at Swan Lake on 5-13

Orchard Oriole: 1st year male at Lone Marsh 5-11

Common Redpoll: 60 on Dupont Bridge Road 3-10; 15 at 3-11;
6 on 3-18

hoary redpoll: 1 on Dupont Bridge Road 3-10

pine siskin: common - around mud flats, at feeder, Huskumy

Hill Wren; recorded on 9 trips 3-18 to 5-6

gray-crowned vireo; 1 at Osburn 3-18-78

Le Conte's sparrow: 8 at Lone Marsh 7-30

clay colored sparrow: 1 heard & seen at Swan Lake 4-26

lark sparrow: only 1 seen - west of Greencastle 4-29

Lepid longspur: large flock of about 200 mostly

in spring plumage on 3-25 near Lone Marsh

Other notes:

Ice late to go out - good concentration of diving ducks and

"water" ducks, no large flocks of mallards seen

May 11-13 brought unusual conditions for warblers and other

migrants. Cold weather held birds back until a massive

influx occurred on the 10th. Warbler counts: 20 species

on 5-11, 21 species on 5-12, 27 species on 5-13.

Thrushes more abundant than ever before. The holdup

in the early migration was ~~most~~ best illustrated

by late arrival of first catbird on 5-10.