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Spring Birds

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ISU

ISU = bird records from students in ornithology class at ISU, I have tried to edit these and take out any questionable ones

JD = Jim Dinsmore

Little Wall Lake + Anderson Lake. in Hamilton Co. near Jewell

Teigo Marsh. in NW Stars County

Common Loon - 1 seen at Little Wall Lake 7 April - ISU only record

Pied-billed Grebe 2 on 3 April at Anderson Lake - ISU, seen in fair numbers after that

Eastern Grebe 1 on Little Wall Lake - 10 April - JD, seen there repeatedly after that by several people, peak - 4 on 19 April - ISU, also one at Ingham Lake, Emmet Co, 9 April - JD

Horned Grebe - 2 on 4 April at Little Wall - ISU, common after that with 40 seen on 19 April - ISU, one as late as 22 April in Marshall Co - ISU, seemed more common this year

White Pelican - 11 at Little Wall - 8 April - ISU, gone next day

Double-crested Cormorant - 1 on 9 April at Ingham Lake, Emmet Co, - JD
50 on Des Moines River by Lutter, (S of Boone) 9 May - ISU

Great Blue Heron - early 23 March. Ames, - ISU

Great Egret - none reported locally

Green Heron - 1st record 11 May - Ames - ISU

Black-crowned Night Heron - 1 seen at Anderson Lake week of 15 May

Yellow-crowned Night Heron - second seen in Cedar River flood plain north of Vinton on 17 April -
JD, J. Bednarz, ~~W. R. Ervin~~ R. Ervin

American Bittern - 3 in NW corner of Stars Co on 17 May - ISU

Cattle Egret - second record 1 at Clear Lake 10 April - JD; 1-3 mi S of Ames - ISU; 1 near New
Albin - 16 April - Jim Bednarz; 1 on 12 April E of Chariton - Larry Mitchell; 2 on 5 April
3 mi N of Chariton - B. Rybarczyk; 2 on 11-12 April in ~~Wayne~~ Wayne Co, Lauren Smith

? maybe J. Diugane

Ibis - 2 White-faced near Churdan, Iowa 21 April - Dan Towers, an ISU student
see Verification record doc.

Geese - Canada first on 22 March near Big Creek, Polk Co - ISU, large migration one Ames on
30 March - ISU

White-fronted - 2 at Anderson Lake on 3 April - ISU

Snow - generally scarce in central Iowa this spring - 500 at Ledges State Park - 26 March - ISU
500 as late as 25 April in Story Co - ISU.

Ducks - a fairly good year although the late open water delayed migration very few birds before
week of 3 April when virtually all species were present at Little Wall + Anderson Lakes - ISU

The best find was a Greater Scaup seen on 7 April at Little Wall Lake - Mark Ryan
flushed and seen well

Otherwise saw all the species you expect in central Iowa in fair numbers

Turkey Vulture - earliest - 23 March @ at Ledges State Park - ISU

Sharp-shinned - common in pine grove near Cambridge, Story Co 7 April - ISU, one as late as
9 May on ISU campus - ISU

Cowbirds 2 Sw at Boone, Boone Co - ISU

Red-shouldered Hawk - none reported locally

Broad-winged first - 25 April - Ames, ISU fair number after that but no big flights except 35 on 30 April
at Ledges State Park - ISU

Marsh - early 20 March - Ames, - ISU, several reported after that

Osprey 1 over ISU campus 11 April - ISU, 1 on 20 April, Nil Ames - ISU,

doc.? Merlin - one seen several times during week of 20 March on ISU campus, seen well by several people
in ornithology course - ISU

Ruffed Grouse - one at McGregor, Iowa 16 April - JD

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Kans + Virginia Rail - none reported

Sora - early 15 April 1 S of Story City, Story Co, - ISU. scattered records through mid May

Amer. Coot - common from 3 April on

Purple Gallinule - found injured in Ames on 22 May. Died, its in my freezer now! **Spec.**

Details to appear later

generally little shrubbed habitat this year and birds were low in number and scattered

Killdeer - early 19 March. Common hereafter - ISU

Semip. Plover 3 N of Story City, Story Co, 11 May - ISU, again Teigo Marsh - 19 May - ISU

Amer Golden 4 2 mi N of Story City, Story Co - ISU. only local record

Ruddy Turnstone - 1 on 17 May - Little Wall Lake - JD, ISU

Woodcock - early - 9 April South Slough, Clay Co - JD
Common Noddy - early - 3 April, Anderson Lake - ISU, fair number of records in early April

Upland Sandpiper early, 19 April E of Cambridge, Story Co - Lynn Brabant; 2 E of Colo 22 April, - LB; **total 6**
2 on 21 April S of Rhodes, Marshall Co - ISU, 1 N of Ames on 18 May - ISU

Spotted 11 May - Little Wall Lake - common - ISU. scattered record after that

Solitary - early ^{25 April} N of Story City, Story Co - ISU, few scattered records in 1st half of May

Willet 2 at Little Wall Lake 16 May - ISU

G. Yellowlegs 25 April - at Teigo's Marsh - ISU, scattered records after that

L. Yellowlegs 13 April - Hendrickson Marsh S of Colo, Story Co, - ISU; fair number after that

Pectoral 4 on 25 April at Teigo Marsh - ISU, small numbers through mid May - , not as common as usual

White-rumped - 2 on Teigo Marsh 11 May. and several there on 15 May - ISU

Band 13 May Teigo Marsh - JD **no.? (13, H2)**

Least - early 30 April - 2 mi N Story City, Story Co - ISU, scattered records later

Dunlin 13/17

Dowitcher S.B. Hendrickson Marsh S of Colo, Story Co - 12 May - ISU, 19 May - Teigo Marsh - ISU

L.B. Teigo Marsh 13 May - JD, S of Little Wall, 16 May - ISU

Semipal. S. - 2 on Teigo Marsh 17 May - ISU

H.O. Godwit - 1 on 11 May - N of Story City, Story Co - ISU, also 4 on Lake Harmon, Worth Co - 9 May - JD

W.L. Phalarope - early 7 May. N of Story City, Story Co, - ISU. scattered records after that

- Herring Gull - 6 on 5 April - Little Wall Lake - ISU
- Ring-billed 30 at Big Creek, ^{22 March} Polk Co. - ISU. Fair numbers through early April, 13 again on 17 May at Little Wall - ISU.
- Franklin 2 at Big Creek, 22 March - ISU, at Little Wall 16 May - ISU
- Bonaparte 4 on 6 April - Little Wall Lake, ISU, at Little Wall - 16 May - ISU
- Forsters Tern early 25 April - Little Wall - ISU
- Caspian - one over Saylorville Dam 7 May - JD
- Black 100 on Little Wall Lake 11 May - ISU
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo - first on 10 May - Anderson Lake - ISU
- Saw-whet Owl - 1 at Ledge State Park 23-20 March - ISU
- Whip-poor-will 30 April 5 at Star City, Star Co. - ISU earliest
- C. Nighthawk arrived in Armo about 19 May - JD
- Chimney Swift 26 April - Armo, earliest - JD
- Ruby-t. Hummingbird - ~~from reported locally~~ 2 seen at Ledge - 29 May - JD
- B. Kingfisher 23 March - earliest for Armo - ISU
- C. Flicker - big migration through Estherville area on weekend of 9 April - JD
- Red-headed Woodpecker - conspicuously absent in Armo area all spring until week of 9 May when large numbers showed up
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1 on 23 March, Armo - ISU, 1 on 13 April E of Armo - ISU, 1 on 19 April - Armo, - ISU
1 on 15 April - Armo, ISU
- E. Kingbird 1 May Armo, ISU earliest, common thereafter, small flock seen at Anderson Lake 15 May - ISU
- Western Kingbird 1 on 15 May - Anderson Lake } see verification forms doc.
1 on 18 May - W of Armo }
- Great Crested - first on 11 May Armo, ISU, common thereafter
- E. Phoebe 29 March - Ledge State Park, earliest. J Bednarsz, fairly common thereafter

Least 10 May - Ames - ISU - ~~seen~~ abundant for next week

E. Wood Pewee first heard 18 May - Ames, ~~ISU~~ ISU

Olive-sided 3 May - Ames - ISU, another 10 May, Ames - ISU - only record

Swallow - all seen in area, esp. large numbers seen over Little Wall + Anderson Lake on 8 May - thousands in air - JD

Purple Martin - flocks seen moving north 8 April - JD, west of Boone

Brown Creeper - seemed very numerous this spring in Ames, ~~many~~ ISU

Red-breasted Nuthatch - 1 seen in Ames as late as 8 May - ISU

House Wren - 3 in Ames on 1 May, earliest - ISU, common thereafter
~~no other wrens~~

No other wren species reported locally

Catbird early 10 May, Ames, ISU, common ~~thereafter~~ thereafter but a late arrival date

Br. Thrasher early - 14 April, Ames, ISU - common thereafter

Robin migrant arrives by 22 March - ISU

E. Bluebird early 24 March, near Rhoads, Marshall Co., - ISU, only scattered reports later, definitely not common in our area

Wood - n.m. on my records although I know they have been seen locally

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Gray-checked first seen 11 May, Ames, ISU

Blue gray Gnatcatcher 2 on 1 May, Ames - ISU, 2 on 11 May, Ames - ISU, 2 at Ledges - 29 May - JD

Golden-crowned Kinglet 1 on 30 March, Ames - ISU, only local record this spring

Red-crowned " early - 30 March - Ames - ISU, very common through April and early May

Loggerhead Shrike 2 near Cambridge, St. Louis Co., 22 April - ISU; 1 S of Shipley, St. Louis Co., 25 April - ISU, 1 at Henderson Marsh
5 at Colo, 22 April - ISU ~~total 4~~

Yellow-throated Vireo first on 11 May, Ames - ISU

Solitary 2 on 2 May, Ames - ISU, fairly common thereafter

Red-eyed first on 11 May, Ames, ISU

Warbling early 5 May, Ames - ISU, common thereafter

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Warblers - basically a good warbler year with about 25 species seen locally. In general it was a late year. The first Yellow-rumped was seen 16 April but few warblers were seen by 1 May and the peak seemed to come the week of 8 May when virtually all the species were around. Some highlights

Yellow-throated Warbler 41 May Ames - ISV see verification form
again in same place 9 May Ames, ISV **doc.**

both times seen well and reported independently by others

Connecticut Warbler 11 May, Ames, ISV

Mourning Warbler 11 May, Ames - ISV, 14 May, Ames - JD,

Le Waterthrush 30 April - Ledge State Park - JD, 3 on territories on 29 May - same place - JD

Blue-winged Warbler 2 ♂ singing at Ledge State Park - JD - 29 May

Blackbird

Boblink first seen 10 May, Ames - ISV locally common after that

Yell.-w.-headed 7 May - Teigo Marsh, Stearns Co, ISV

Red-wing Flock showed up 22 March, Ames, ISV. all males

Orchard none reported locally

N. Oriole first seen 3 May, common thereafter

Rusty Blackbird 22 March, Ames - ISV.

Brown-headed Cowbird - first seen 28 March, Ames, ISV

Scarlet Tanager - only record 13 May, Ames - JD

Sparrows

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Rose-breasted Grosbeak 4 May, Ames - ISU earliest, common thereafter

Indigo Bunting 19 May Ames - ISU, common thereafter

Dichessal ~~22~~ 11 May, Ames - ISU earliest, common thereafter

Evening Grosbeak 6 on 22 March, Ames - ISU

Purple Finch seen throughout spring at least until 13 May - ISU

Pine Siskin seen throughout spring, at least through May, nesting in Ames, details later - JD

R.S. Towhee 8 April is early one, Ames - ISU, scattered reports thereafter

Groshopper Sparrow 16 May Not Ames - ISU, common in appropriate habitat thereafter

~~Worm-eating Warbler~~ Savannah - 30 April, Ames - ISU one of few local reports

Vesper ~~2~~ 9 April, Emmet Co. - JD is earliest

Chipping 17 April - Ames, ISU earliest - ISU, common after that

Chy-colored 13 April, Ames - ISU - only report

Field early 16 April - Ames - ISU, several reported thereafter

Harris' early 4 April, Ames, ISU, some still around until 10 May but not very abundant this year - ISU

White-throated 21 April, Ames ISU - first record, fairly common through mid May but not a big year for them

White-crowned earliest 10 May, Ames, - ISU only other record was 12 May seemed rarer than usual this spring

Fox first 26 March, fair number for next two weeks - ISU

Lincoln 15 April, Ames - ISU, first record, many reports in first half of May

Swamp 11 April - first, Ames, - ISU, several reported thereafter

Song common from 22 March on