

Bierman

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Spring Report May 23, 1978

Nick,

It has been a good spring in NW Iowa!
I have quite a bit of info. for you. I will try
and avoid repeating sightings with Marion Brewer,
who will also submit a report, but there may be
a few.

Horned Grebes: 1 on April 14, 6 on April 28, 2 stayed ~~until~~
May 14 at Cherokee Sewage Lagoon.

Eared Grebes: 2 on ^{April} ~~April~~ 14 with at least one daily until
May 19. As many as 15 on May 11 at Cherokee
sewage Lagoon.

Pelicans: Saw first Pelicans April 9 there were some
on most lakes in NW Iowa with approx 400
at Storm Lake on May 4. Some stayed there
until May 16.

D.C. Cormorants: 3 on April 9 at Trumbull Lake by Ruthven IA
63 flew over Cherokee on April 30
100 at Rush Lake by Ocheyden IA. on May 1
8 still there on May 8

Little Blue Heron: on May 13 I observed and photographed
a mature Little Blue Heron smiles south
of Cherokee on the Little Sioux River.

Black Bismarck

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Black Crowned Night Heron: On May 9 I saw 5 of these at Rush Lake by Ocheyedunja. They did not stay around.

Geese: Geese went through in large numbers from March 20 to March 28. Many Canadas and Snows } all NW Iowa
35-White Fronted Geese on March 27.

40-Huthinsal Canadas on May 8 were late migrants.

Ducks: Migration was poor. I feel that they moved right north without stopping long. Most all species were seen except: American Black, Cinnamon, Greater Scaup, Oldsquaw, and Hooded Merganser.

Bald Eagle: 2 were seen by me north of Cherokee on March 27, 1 adult, 1 immature.

Northern Harrier: They came through starting with 3 on March 20, in fairly good numbers.

Little Blue Heron: on May 13 I observed and photographed a mature Little Blue Heron singing south of Cherokee on the Little Sioux River.

Sharp shinned: 1-2 or 3 seen in Early April
Around Cherokee Co.

Coopers' 1- Seen in Cherokee Co on Apr. 2

Red Tail: Many from mid March to May 1
migrating through Cherokee Co. with
a few pair staying to nest.

Broadwing Hawk: I saw a Kettle of 15 on May 6
with others reported to me on
May 7, migrating north.

Swainson Hawk: 3 in ~~at~~ April 18 Migrating North
of Cherokee.

1 pair nesting in Osceola Co, found
by me on ~~April 25th~~ ^{April 25th}. Confirmed on
May 16 by DANN ROSS, STEVE DWICKER.

Documentation Attached!

Rough Legged: Not many at all!! only 5 all winter

Kestrel: Common migrants in Late March.
Seen in Abundant numbers in that week.
Now I know of only 2 pair nesting in
Cherokee Co.

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PHASANT - Doing well

GRAY PARTRIDGE - Doing GREAT

LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER - 47 seen in Plowed field in
O'Brien Co. on May 11

Hudsonian Godwit - 1 on May 11 at Cherokee Sewage
Lagoon.

Wilson Phalarope: 2 on April 30 and 250 on
May 11 at Cherokee Sewage Lagoon.

Long Billed Dowitcher: 2 on May 8 at Cherokee Sewage
Lagoon.

Common Sandpipers: Least, Pectoral etc all seen
in good numbers on May 7-12
at Cherokee Sewage Lagoon.

STILT SANDPIPER 3 AT Cherokee Sewage Lagoon
on May 8

BLACK TERN Common Migrator Mid May

Great Horned Owl Common

Barn Owl None seen but there are
maybe 3 or 4 pairs within 10 miles
of Cherokee.

Screech Owl None seen

Short Eared Owl A few were around in late Feb
with 5 seen on 5 March east
of Cherokee.

Flicker Common

Redbellied Woodp. Fairly Common in Timbered Areas around
Cherokee Co

Red Headed Woodpecker: None this winter, but now abundant.

~~Swallows~~ Swallows ALL species seen. Although
not many Cliff Swallows

WRENS House wren were late but are
now abundant. No other species
seen

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Northern Mockingbird - ON MAY 17 I SAW A
mockingbird 3 miles north of
Cherokee. A first for me this
far north!

Eastern Bluebird: I put out 45 nestboxes and
now have 9 occupied with
bluebirds. A few other pairs
seen.

Kinglets Ruby Crowned were not
common.

Golden Crowned were not seen.

Cedar Waxwings Common in February and March

Bohemian Waxwings

8 at my home Feb 26 to March 1st

Loggerheaded Shrikes

3 migrater seen in March, That's all!

White eyed Vireo

1 seen on May 11 at Cherokee

Solitary Vireo

1 seen on May 14 North of Cherokee

Warbling Vireo

common

extends margin of range

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Warblers: Good migration For NW

Iowa with 13 species seen.

Common were yellow rumped,

Common yellow throat, yellow, Northern water thrush.

Several Black and whites

1 Magnolia

many PALM

3-Mourning

many Redstarts

several Wilsons

2-Blackpoll

3 Nashville

yellowheaded Blackbird

Breeding Colonies at Storm Lake,

Rush Lake by Ocheyedan, Little Spirit

Lake, Soluse Lake by Lake Park and

a few other places 4+

Evening Grosbeaks:

8 were in ^{Cherokee} ~~Iowa~~ all winter, ^{last seen} ~~left~~
April 18.

Purple Finch:

Common until mid April, last seen
May 14

Redpoll - Common UNTIL Early April

LAST SEEN MAY 1

Pine Siskin - Scarce, only a few seen

Vesper Sparrow - Common Breeder in NW Iowa

White Crowned Sparrow - 2 seen on May 1 by Ocheyedan

White Throated Sparrow - Common Migrant

Snow Buntings - Common UNTIL ^{March 1st} LAST SEEN ON
MARCH 14, 300-400 in CLAY Co.

I will be in Southern ARIZONA, by Green Valley and Madera

CANYON AREA Dec 22 THROUGH JAN 2. If you could, would

you send me the Address of The ARIZONA Ornithologists Union.

+ OR someone connected with it AS I would like to go

ON A CBC in THAT AREA.

Your help would be appreciated!

Truly
Yours ~~Truly~~

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