

Cummins

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Common Loon (5) in summer plumage were at NORTH TWIN LAKE CALHOUN COUNTY ON 4-15-79 at 6:30 P.M.

Pied-billed Grebe - (35) were seen between 4-1-79 and end of period

White-pelican - 25 at Lake Panorama, 4-15-79, 60 at Storm Lake 4-28-79 and 60 at Sunk Cove Varina, Iowa 4-30-79.

Double-crested Cormorants - (30) Lake Panorama 4-15-79 (43) Storm Lake, STORM LAKE, Iowa 4-28-79

Great Blue Heron - ONLY (12) were sighted between 4-1-79 and May-28-79

Green Heron - (2) Pocahontas, Iowa 5-10-79, (2) Boone River, WEBSTER CITY, Iowa 5-19-79, (1) Little Sioux River Cherokee, Iowa 5-27-79

Great Egret - (2) 4-27-79 were on the Des Moines River at Bradgate, Iowa

Black-crowned Night Heron - (1) Bradgate Conservation Area Bradgate, Iowa 4-27-79

(18) Little Clear lake Laurens, Iowa 4-30-79.

American Bittern - (1) Little Clear Lake Laurens, Iowa 4-30-79

Canada Goose (6) flew over Pocahontas on 3-17-79 and (1) was at Sunken Grove Varina, Iowa on 4-16-79 THIS was all the geese seen during period 3-1-79 to 5-28-79 in Pocahontas County. Apparently the geese held south during the harsh march weather and then quickly overflew Pocahontas County.

Snow + Blue Goose - none Pocahontas County during period. 75,000 SNOWS and 25,000 Blues were feeding in fields surround Desota Bents National Wildlife Refuge. on 3-24-79

White-fronted Geese - none Pocahontas County (3) 3-24-79 at Desota Bends.

Mallards - Mallard migration peaked 4-8-79 Pocahontas County with 1,154 at Lizard Lake, Gilmore City, Iowa (small breeding pop. remains at end of period.

Wood Ducks (21) wood ducks were seen Pocahontas County between 4-8 + 4-27-79, (breeding pop. remains at end of period little clearly peaked

American Widgeons - Widgeon migration[^] at 98 Sunken Grove + Little Clear Lake on 4-13-79 (1) was at a farm puddle 7mi south of Lauren on 5-8-79.

Gadwalls - Gadwall peaked at 50 on Lizard Lake on 4-13-79 for pocahontas County

Greenwinged Teal - (12) Greenwings were seen between 4-8-79 + 4-30-79 peaking on 4-9-79 at Sunken Grove for P.C.

Black Duck (1) MIDDLE COON River at PANOKA, Iowa 4-10-79
Pintail (500) at Desota Bends 3-24-79 (39) were seen
between 4-8-79 + 5-8-79 peaking at 10 on 4-30 at Sunken Grove
Blue-winged Teal - Bluewings peaked at 268 on 4-30-79 on
a farm puddle 7 miles south of Laurens, Iowa (COMMON BREEDER P.C.)
Northern Shoveler - Shovelers peaked Pocahontas County at 50 on
Sunken Grove on 4-13-79. 3 still present Little Clear 6-3-79
Canvasbacks peaked at 382 on 4-13-79 at Little Clear + Sunken
Grove.

Redheads peaked at 34 on 4-13-79 at Little Clear & Sunken Grove
(1) was at a farm puddle 7 miles south of Laurens, Iowa on 4-30-79
(5) still present Little Clear Lake 6-3-79
Ring-necked Ducks peaked at 37 on 4-13-79 L.C. + S.G. (2)

~~_____~~ were late at Sweet Marsh Tripoli, Iowa 5-13-79
(1) still present Little Clear Lake 6-3-79
Lesser Scaup - peaked at 1000 on 4-8-79 at Lizard Lake
(4) Little Clear Lake 6-3-79
Bufflehead - peaked at 14 on 4-13-79 at Little Clear & Sunken Grove. (1)
was still at a farm puddle south of Laurens, Iowa on 4-30-79

Common Goldeneye (8) were at Lizard Lake on 4-8-79
Hooded Mergansers (3) were on a creek 1 mi west of Sunken Grove
on 4-13-79 - Hooded Merganser migration was very light in
Pocahontas County where as last fall migration was quite
heavy.

Red-breasted Merganser (13) were seen in Pocahontas county
between 4-13-79 & 4-22-79.

Common Mergansers (75) were Desota Bends 3-24-79 and 24 was
the peak for P.C. on 4-13-79 at Sunken Grove + Lizard Little Clear Lake
Ruddy Duck peaked at 16 for Pocahontas County on 4-22-79 at
Sunken Grove + Little Clear Lake. (1) at Desota Bends on 3-24-79
was somewhat early.

Turkey Vulture (1) 4-16-79 Sunken Grove Varina, Iowa

Osprey (1) 4-9-79 Sunken Grove Varina, Iowa

Bald Eagle (21) Desota Bends National Wildlife Refuge 3-24-79

Northern Harrier (4) Pocahontas County between 3-17-79 and 4-13-79

Sharp-shinned Hawk (1) Sunken Grove Varina, Iowa 4-9-79

Red-tailed Hawk (14) Pocahontas County 4-8-79 and 5-7-79 peaked
of 5 at sunken Grove Varina, Iowa on 4-9-79

Broad-winged Hawk (3) Pocahontas on 5-9-79 - 50 were to me
by Paul Allen as being at the Pomory Cemetery on 5-1-79

Rough-legged Hawk - (3) at Desoto Bends National Wildlife Refuge on 3-24-79. (1) 7mi west of Pocahontas, Iowa on 4-30-79 was unusually late.

American Kestrel 66 between 3-11-79 - 4-29-79 with the peak being 9 on trip to Lizard Lake Gilmore City, Iowa
Ring-necked Pheasant - Population P.C. is study to increase
Gray-Partridge - study but down slightly from what seemed to be a peak in 1977.

Virginia Rail (1) Pocahontas ^{city, Iowa} ~~County~~ by Larry Beady who found one in ~~this~~ yard, with a broken wing, after apparently hitting the telephone ^{wire} during migration.

Sora Rail (1) 4-30-79 at Little Clear Lake Laurens, Iowa

American Coot - 5,000 were seen between 3-31-79 & end of period peaking at 1000 on 4-13-79 Sunken Grove & Little Clear Lake.
(Common breeder P.C.)

Semipalmated Plover (3) at a farm puddle 7mi south of Laurens, Iowa May 1, 1979

Killdeer ~~Common~~ P.C. first arrival 3-17-79 Sunken Grove

Hudsonian Godwit (2) farm puddle 7mi south of Laurens, Iowa 4-22-79 (15) were present at some location on 5-8-79.

Upland Sandpiper (2) were present in an alfalfa field 3mi west of Bradgate, Iowa on 4-27-79.

Greater Yellowlegs - none seen

Lesser Yellowlegs - common migrate 641 seen between 4-22-79 & 5-8-79

Spotted Sandpiper - common river bottom P.C.

American Woodcock (1) Sunken Grove Varina, Iowa 4-13-79

Wilson's Snipe - (9) were seen in Pocahontas County between 4-8-79 and 4-30-79.

Short-billed Dowitcher - (1) was present May 1 1979 and 601

were present 5-8-79 7mi south of Laurens, Iowa on a farm puddle

Pectoral Sandpiper - (301) were seen P.C. between 4-30-79 and 5-8-79

Dunlin - (1) on 4-30-79 and (2) 5-1-79 south of Laurens, Iowa

Purple Sandpiper - (1) 7mi. south of Laurens, Iowa on a farm puddle. studied three separate times during day ^{of 5-1-79} for about 45 mins each time. documented report sent in to you on 5-2-79. Like Rick Beeman Albrooke

Doc. separately

Purple sandpiper had departed by evening of 5-2-79 when wally Jardine and I were going to attempt to photograph.
Herring Gull (251) Desota Bend 3-24-79. (3) Sunken Grove Varina, Iowa 4-9-79.

Ring-billed Gull (231) between 4-8-79 and 4-27-79 Pocahontas C.

Franklin Gull (78) " " " 4-16-79 "

Foster's Tern (6) between 4-29-79 and 5-10-79 Pocahontas C.

Black Tern (2) Little Clear Lake 6-3-79 ✓

Rock Dove Common P.C.

Mourning Dove Common P.C. first sighting 3-16-79

Black-billed Cuckoo - (1) Martin's Access Cherokee, Iowa 5-27-79

Whip-poor-will - (2) heard Martin's Access Cherokee, Iowa 5-27-79

Common Nighthawk - (3) Belle Mill Boone River 5-19-79

Hemming Swift - common summer resident P.C. 5-16-79 first sighting

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - (1) Martins Access Cherokee, Iowa 5-27-79

Belted Kingfisher - (1) 4-9-79 Sunken Grove, Varina, Iowa

uncommon summer resident river bottom N.W. Iowa.

Common Flicker - migration peaked at (6) on 4-16-79 Sunken Grove

common summer resident

Red-bellied Woodpecker - common permanent resident

Red-headed Woodpecker - Common " "

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - (1) Lizard Lake, Gilmore City, Iowa

4-9-79 and (1) Sunken Grove, Varina, Iowa 4-16-79

Hairy & Downy Woodpecker - Common Permanent Residents

Eastern Kingbird - Common Summer Resident

Great-Crested Flycatcher (1) Belle Mill Boone River 5-19-79

Eastern Phoebe (2) Sunken Grove, Varina, Iowa 4-9-79 and

migration peaked at (8) Sunken Grove on 4-16-79

Olive-sided Flycatcher - (1) Sweet Marsh Tripoli Iowa 5-13-79

Least Flycatcher - (2) Pocahontas, Iowa 5-14-79

Horned Lark - uncommon summer resident

Tree Swallow - ~~(97)~~⁹⁷ between 4-8-79 and 5-10-79 Pocahontas C.

Bank Swallow (9) Des Moines River Bradgate, Iowa 4-27-79

uncommon summer resident river bottom N.W. Iowa

Rough-winged Swallow (57) Des Moines River Bradgate, Iowa

4-27-79 Abundant summer resident river bottom N.W. Iowa

Barn Swallow ~~then~~ abundant Summer resident NW Iowa

Cliff Swallow - not seen

Purple Martin - (2) Pocahontas 4-7-79 common summer resident

Blue Jay - common P.C.

American Crow - common P.C.

Black-capped Chickadee - common summer resident P.C.
numbers however are down.

White-breasted Nuthatch - uncommon summer resident

Brown Creeper - (3) Sunken Grove 4-16-79

House Wren - abundant Summer resident

Hermit Thrush - (2) Sunken Grove, Varina, Iowa 4-13-79

Eastern Bluebird - (1) only one was seen in prime habitat
at Martin's access Cherokee, Iowa - none in Pocahontas
County

Golden-crowned Kinglet (7) between 4-9-79 + 4-16-79
at Sunken Grove, Varina Iowa

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - Migration peaked at 26 on
4-16-79 at Sunken Grove, Iowa

Philadelphia Vireo (1) Martin's Access Cherokee, Iowa 5-27-79

Warbling Vireo - (1) Sunken Grove, Varina, Iowa 5-16-79
common summer resident

Black and White Warbler - (3) between 5-8-79 + 5-19-79 P.C.

Golden-winged Warbler - (1) Sunken Grove, Varina, Iowa 5-16-79

Tennessee Warbler (27) between 5-16-79 + 5-27-79 Pocahontas C.

Orange-crowned Warbler (10) between 4-27-79 - 5-16-79 P.C.

Nashville Warbler (4) Sunken Grove, Varina Iowa 5-16-79

Northern Parula Warbler (George Wyth S.P. Waterloo, Iowa 5-12-79 ^(file Dick B.))

Yellow Warbler (6) between 5-16-79 + 5-19-79 P.C.

Magnolia Warbler (2) Sunken Grove Varina, Iowa 5-16-79

Cape May Warbler (2) George Wyth S.P. (file Dick Bleimond)

Yellow-rumped Warbler (38) between 4-16-79 + 5-16-79 P.C.

Black-throated Green (2) between 5-16-79 + 5-25-79 P.C.

Chestnut-sided Warbler (6) between 5-19-79 + 5-20-79 P.C.

Black-pollied Warbler (5) between 5-16-79 + 5-27-79

Palm Warbler (1) 4-27-79 Sunken Grove Varina, Iowa

Ovenbird (1) Yard Pocahontas 5-15-79

Mourning Warbler (1) 5-20-79 Bells Mill Boone River Webster City, Iowa

Common Yellowthroat (10) Senken Grove, Varina, Iowa 5-16-79

Wilson's Warbler (3) between 5-16-79 & 5-19-79 P.C.

American Redstart (1) between 5-8-79 & 5-16-79 P.C.

Bobolink (1) Bells Mill Boone River Webster City 5-20-79

Western Meadowlark (common) nest with 5 eggs found at Martins access 5-27-79.

Yellow headed Blackbird - common at all Pocahontas County marshes

Red-winged Blackbird - abundant P.C. 3 nest found at little Clear lake on 6-3-79

Orchard Oriole (2) Senken Grove, Varina, Iowa 5-16-79

Northern Oriole - Common P.C.

Rusty Blackbird migration peaked at (107) at Senken Grove Varina, Iowa on 4-13-79.

Scarlet Tanager (1) ~~there~~ Laurens, Iowa 5-10-79 field Thaine Hopkins

Rose-breasted Grosbeak - Common Summer Resident

Indigo Bunting - Uncommon " "

Evening Grosbeak (4) 3-11-79 Panora, Iowa

Purple Finch (1) 4-13-79 Senken Grove Varina, Iowa

American Goldfinch - common summer resident

Rufous-sided Towhee - (1) Bradgate Conservation Area Bradgate, Iowa 4-27-79.

Vesper Sparrow - common Summer Resident P.C.

Northern Junco - migration peaked at (129) on 4-8-79 P.C.

last seen (2) Pocahontas (my yard) 5-2-79

Tree Sparrows - Migration peaked at (20) P.C. on 4-8-79

last seen (1) on 4-13-79 at Senken Grove.

Chipping Sparrow - Common first seen 4-16-79 Senken Grove

Field Sparrow (1) Bells Mill Webster City Iowa 5-20-79

White-throated Sparrow - (5) between 4-21-79 & 4-27-79 (poor migration)

Fox Sparrow - (1) 4-16-79 Senken Grove, Varina, Iowa

Lincoln's Sparrow - (2) Bell Mill Webster City, Iowa 5-19-79

Swamp Sparrow - (2) 4-27-79 Senken Grove

Song Sparrow - (common) migration peaked at 6 on 4-30-79