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Summer Observations 1978 NW Iowa

- White Pelicans were seen occasionally throughout the summer in numbers ranging from 1 to 10 in the Ruthven, Iowa area.
- 1 Double-crested Cormorant spent the summer at West Swan Lake, Emmet Co. Iowa.
- 1 Yellow-crowned Night Heron observed 12-14 June 1978 at Dewey's Pasture, Clay Co. Iowa.
- 7 broods of Canvasbacks with brood sizes of 2 to 8 ducklings were observed on 27 June at Mud Lake, Clay Co. Iowa by Ron Howing. I saw one of these broods also.
- A few Green-winged Teal and Ring-necked Ducks spent the summer in Iowa Great Lakes Region. Evidence of breeding not seen.
- Breeding by Northern Shovelers, Gadwall, Pintail were suspected to be nesting in the Iowa Great Lakes Region.
- I felt that production by Mallards, Blue-winged Teal, Redheads, and Ruddy Ducks was up over last year with many more nests found this year.

- Canada Goose production was higher than last year with more nesting through out the Iowa Great Lakes Region.

- 1 Upland Sandpiper with 2 adult sized chicks was observed on 9 July near Kalsow Prairie, Calhoun Co. Iowa.