

Burman

SPRING NOTES

MAY 28, 1979

DEAR NICK,

I thought you may be interested in knowing that my LIFE LIST FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY IS 202.

CHEROKEE SEWAGE LAGOON - (CSL)

LOONS - 1-APRIL 13TH CHEROKEE SWAGE LAGOON. SEVERAL OTHER IN NW. IOWA, MORE THAN USUAL. LATEST - 1 AT OKOBOJI LAKE MAY 26th. late

HORNED GREBE - 1 AT CSL ON APRIL 17.

ERRED GREBE - 2 AT CSL APRIL 9 SEEN UNTIL APRIL 17

WHITE PELICAN - 450 NORTH OF CHEROKEE ON APRIL 13 STAY ON LITTLE SIOUX RIVER FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

D.C. CORMORANTS - 80 ON APRIL 13 LITTLE SIOUX RIVER CHEROKEE CO. WERE COMMON ALONG THIS RIVER UNTIL MAY 8, 5 SEEN AT LAKE OKOBOJI MAY 26.

AM BITTERN - 1 AT Spring Lake CHEROKEE CO ON MAY 9

BLACK CROWNED NIGHT HERON - 31 AT LITTLE CLEAR LAKE west of Pocahontas ON APRIL 27

CATTLE EGRET - 1, 2 miles north of Sutherland IA MAY 13th

GESE - LAST WEEK OF MARCH VERY ABUNDANT ALONG MISSOURI RIVER. 335 ~~AT~~ WHITE FRONTED GESE AT SLOW IA. ON APRIL 4.

DUCKS - VERY GOOD MIGRATION THRU CHEROKEE CO. APRIL 13th. ^{MOST} ~~ALL~~ SPECIES SEEN IN GOOD NUMBERS. ~~1~~ 1 OLD SQUAW DUCK AT CSL ON APRIL 16 SEE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION.

TURKEY VULTURE - 1 ON MAY 5 CHEROKEE COUNTY.

SWAINSON HAWKS - SAME PAIR AT SAME NEST SITE IN OSCEOLA COUNTY AGAIN THIS YEAR!! FEMALE IS NOW INCUBATING EGGS.

AMERICAN KESTREL - ABUNDANT IN CHEROKEE COUNTY IN MID APRIL.
HARD TO FIND IN LATE MAY.

SORA - Fairly common migrant in mid May. NW IOWA

AM GOLDEN PLOVER - migrated thru NW IA in mid May in fair numbers
Largest group seen, 41 BIRDS.

MARBLED GODWIT - 1 on April 13, Cherokee Co. by the Little Sioux
RIVER FLOOD WATER POOL.

PURPLE SANDPIPER - READ DOCUMENTATION FORM. I realize this
IS AN EXTREMELY RARE BIRD FOR IOWA. HOWEVER
IF I WASN'T CERTAIN OF THIS SIGHTING, I WOULD NOT
include it.

FORSTER'S TERN - SEEN FAIRLY OFTEN AROUND LAKES AND STREAMS IN
NW IOWA FROM LATE APRIL TO MID MAY.

CASPIAN TERN - 2 AT LAKE OKOBOJI ON MAY 26th.

BLACK TERN - NUMEROUS AT SEWAGE PONDS AND SMALL LAKES
IN NW IOWA AROUND MID MAY.

NIGHT HAWKS - ^{VERY} FEW SEEN

SWAINSON'S THRUSH - NUMEROUS ALONG LITTLE SIOUX RIVER IN CHEROKEE
COUNTY FIRST WEEK IN MAY.

BLUE BIRD - LESS SEEN THAN LAST YEAR. I ONLY HAVE 10 NEST BOXES
OUT OF 85 WITH BLUE BIRDS IN THEM.

Kinglets - only Ruby crowned seen and in very low numbers

Logheaded shrike - ~~FEW~~ VERY FEW SEEN. ONLY 1 NEST FOUND
IN CHEROKEE COUNTY.

VIREOS - ALL SPWN EXCEPT WHITE EYED.

WARBLERS - VERY GOOD MIGRATION IN NW IOWA MAY 6 THRU 18TH
17 SPECIES SEEN. FOR NW IOWA THATS NOT BAD.

BOBOLINK - FLOCK OF 33 ON MAY 9 CHEROKEE CO.

Orchard Oriole - 5 on MAY 7 SPRING LAKE, CHEROKEE CO.

Purple Finch - SOME STAYED UNTIL 3RD WEEK OF MAY.

THATS IT FOR NOW.

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