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Nov. 20

Dear Dr. Kent,

As requested on the Iowa Bird Line, here is a portion of my Field Reports for this Fall. I am enclosing Cuckoos on. I hope you'll excuse the typing. I was going to retype it, but really didn't want to take the time.

As you can see, I provided you a whole lot more information than you will probably need. I figured that since I had the data, I might as well send it and let you do the editing.

Again, I only reported those species for which I was certain of the identification, and in all counts conservative. I realized early in Sept. that I was not equipped to distinguish Bay-breasted, Blackpoll, and Pine Warblers, and so generally didn't attempt to report these. On Sept. 6 I found literally 100s of these, presumably Bay-breasted. I did report a last date on a Bay-breasted simply because it was obviously one of these(bay on sides).

Regarding the Yellow-bellied Flycatcher details. I based this identification as much on behavior as appearance. You can do what you want with it--my skin is thick and I know this species is a problem. I saw several others that I would have called Yellow-bellied, but didn't have the energy to write details.

I hope rumors are true that you are submitting a proposal for editing "Iowa Bird Life". I wrote a letter to Jim Dinsmore(not for publication) urging the change. I really like Pete and all that, but regarding the editorial quality of the journal, Iowa needs to put a better foot foreward. Best of luck.

Also, enclosed is the Ill. Heron Count results, which may be of intrest to you. Several Iowa colonies are identified.

Finally, I am planning to do an X-mas~~s~~ Count here in Keokuk, probably on a Sunday. Tentatively, J. Sandrock and Francis, among others are coming. It would be great if you and Dr. Sandrock came down together--I would happily give you and Francis the best route. I think it could be an excellent count with enough good observers. The Crow roost alone, if like last year, can make the

whole trip worthwhile. Unfortunately, this will not be included in Am Birds. I sent my proposal in the first week of Oct., then a month later received a letter saying it had been received too late (it was due Oct. 15). It pissed me off, but what to do? Anyway, I can still include it in "Iowa Bird Life".

I will send in the remainder of my Field Reports probably early next week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob Coe". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

P.S. On Field Reports, CUSF means Croton Unit, Shimek State Forest, Lee County.

I see I should have retyped my documentations, too. h

Season: Fall Year: 1985

Name and address (print or type) Robert Cecil (RCe)  
327 S. 6th  
Keokuk, IA 52632

Other observers (name, city):

J.P.S. = James P. Sandroek

Use first few lines to give weather and habitat conditions. Use line(s) below species data to give additional details, if needed. Mail to: T. H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City IA 52240 by 1 Mar, 1 Jun, 1 Aug, or 1 Dec.

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
- Black-billed Cuckoo	1 each	Aug. 29, Sep. 7	C.U.S.F.
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo	9	Sept. 1	Peak count. C.U.S.F. Included several immatures.
- Common Nighthawk	1	Oct. 7	Keokuk. Last one.
- Chimney Swift	5	Oct. 14	Keokuk. Last ones seen.
- Pileated Woodpecker	2	Aug. 18 <sup>et</sup>	C.U.S.F. resident pair
- Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	Sep. 22	C.U.S.F. Seems like I saw a couple more but evidently forgot to note.
- Eastern Wood-Pewee	1	Sep. 19	1 still present and singing, C.U.S.F.
* Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	*	*	*details provided
- Acadian Flycatcher	2	Sep. 8	Identified by pit-see! song, C.U.S.F. Last ones for year.
- Eastern Phoebe	1	Oct. 21	Keokuk. Last for year.
- Purple Martin	9000	Aug. 8	This probably sounds incredible, but tried to be careful in count. These #s much better than last. Quite a sight. RIVERFRONT, KEOKUK
- Tree Swallow	8	Oct. 23	Miss. River, Lee Co. My last for year. Saw clearly with binocs. Birds sitting on wire facing me. Miss. River, Keokuk. Late?
- N. Rough-winged Swallow	6	Oct. 9	Migrating, Louisia Co.
- Blue Jay	85	Oct. 7	At Keokuk riverfront roost. May update this count
- Am. Crow	5000	Oct. 27	Saw this bird at C.U.S.F. Probably should have documented, but saw at close range for perhaps 30 seconds or so. Bird could easily have summered and escaped my attention.
- Brown Creeper	1	Aug. 2	Peak count and last sighting, Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. With J.P.S.
" "	3	Oct 2	First, 2 Aug. 5. Peak of 3, Aug. 12. Last seen, Oct. 22. These birds could easily have summered-- I probably would not have recognized song, and thought it something else. All at C.U.S.F.
- Carolina Wren	peak 3		
- House Wren	1	Oct. 14	Last for year. C.U.S.F.
- Winter Wren			First, 1 on Oct. 14. Peak count, 2 on Oct. 17. Last, 2 on Oct. 20. All C.U.S.F.

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Suckers

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Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			Peak count, <u>5</u> on Sept. 15, Lacey-Keo. S.P./J.P.S. Last, <u>1</u> on Sept. 24, C.U.S.F. Late? (C.U.S.F.)
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	Sept. 6	Got good look at this bird. Only one of season.
Swainson's Thrush	1	Sept. 2	First, C.U.S.F.
" "	6	Sept. 11	Peak count, C.U.S.F.
" "	1	Sept. 19	Last of year, C.U.S.F.
Hermit Thrush	1	Oct. 20	First, Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. /J.P.S.
" "	2	Oct. 22	Last, and only others for fall. C.U.S.F.
Gray Catbird	1	Oct. 23	River Road, Keokuk. Last for year.
N. Mockingbird	1	Oct. 14	A rare (and brief) Keokuk appearance
White-eyed Vireo	1	Sept. 22	Last of year for C.U.S.F.
Solitary Vireo	1	Aug. 22	First. CUSF
" "	2	Sept. 15	Peak count, Lacey-Keo. S.P. / J.P.S.
" "	1	Oct. 14	Last, C.U.S.F.
Philadelphia Vireo	1	Sept. 3	First, CUSF
" "	4	Sept. 14	Peak count, CUSF
" "	2	Sept. 22	Last, CUSF
Blue-winged Warbler	1	Sept. 8	Last of season, CUSF
Golden-winged Warbler	1	Aug. 16	1st of season, CUSF
" "	4	Aug. 27	Peak count, CUSF
" "	1	Sept 21	Last, <del>CUSF</del> HICKORY HILLS PARK, IOWA CITY / JIM FULLER
Tennessee Warbler	24	Aug. 27	First, CUSF ABUNDANT THIS YEAR.
" "	60+	Sept. 6	Peak count, CUSF
Orange-crowned Warbler	5	Oct. 14	First, CUSF
" "	13	Oct. 20	Peak count, CUSF

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- Orange-crowned Warbler	5	Oct. 22	Last, CUSF
- Nashville Warbler	1	Aug. 28	1st, CUSF
- " "	4	Sept. 19	Peak Count, CUSF
- " "	1	Oct. 2	Last, CUSF
- Chestnut-sided Warbler	2	Aug. 17	First, CUSF
- " "	12	Sep. 14	Peak Count, CUSF
- " "	2	Sep. 20	Last, CUSF
- Magnolia Warbler	1	Sept. 2	1st, CUSF
- " "	5	Sep 14, Sep 15	Peak count days, CUSF
- " "	1	Sept. 19	Last, CUSF
- Northern Parula	2	Sept. 19	Last, CUSF
- Yellow-rumped Warbler	125	Oct. 14	Peak count, CUSF
- Black-throated Green	1	Aug. 27	First, CUSF
- " "	10	Sept. 8	Peak count, CUSF
- " "	1	Sept. 20	Last, CUSF
- Blackburnian Warbler	2	Aug. 27	First, CUSF
- " "	4	Sept. 3	Peak count, CUSF
- " "	2	Sept. 22	Last, CUSF
* Prairie Warbler	**	**	**Documentation attached**
- Bay-breasted Warbler	6	Sept. 24	<del>Last,</del> Last, CUSF
- Black and White Warbler	10	Aug. 27	First, and Peak count, CUSF
- " " "	1	Sept, 24	Last, CUSF
- American Redstart	6	Sept. 22	Peak and Last <sup>count</sup> <sup>sighting</sup> Count, CUSF
- Worm-eating Warbler	2	Aug. 28	Peak count, fall. CUSF

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- Worm-eating Warbler (cont.)	1	Sept. 10	Last, CUSF
- Kentucky Warbler	1	Sept. 2	Last, CUSF
- Connecticut	1	Sept. 7	Only one of year, CUSF. Well seen.
- Mourning Warbler	1	Aug. 27	First, CUSF
- " "	2	Aug. 31	Lacey-Keo. S.P. Peak Count with below
- " "	2	Sept. 8	CUSF. Peak count with above
- " "	1	Sept 13	CUSF, last for year
- Common Yellowthroat	1	Oct. 20	Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. with J.P.S. Late?
- " "	1	Oct. 20	CUSF. Another bird, same day. Late?
- Wilson's Warbler	1	Aug. 22	First, CUSF. Adult plumage
- Canada Warbler	2	Aug. 27	First, CUSF Note: Canadas were very easy to find this year, found 1 to 6 on most days.
- " "	10	Sept. 8	CUSF peak count, / J.P.S.
- " "	1	Sept. 22	Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. with J.P.S. Last for year
Northern Cardinal	23	Nov. 3	Pished from one large brush pile. Migrating } toget- her?
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	12	Sept. 1	Including Imms. and females. CUSF
- Rufous-sided Towhee	1	Oct. 25	Last, CUSF. Eastern race
- Song Sparrow	34	Nov. 3	Keokuk(overgrown industrial land)
- Northern Oriole	1	Sept. 24	Adult male, CUSF. Late?
* Purple Finch	**	**	**See documentation**
- " "	52	Oct. 20	Peak count, CUSF. Also saw many more same date at Lacey-Keo. S.P. with J.P.S.
- House Sparrow	1	Aug. 6	Observed very pale immature begging for food from adults. Color was very pale blond, not quite white. Eye dark. Bird was striking among other imms of same age. Never saw again. Bill pink.