

Summer 1979 (Shires)

June 1 → Aug 1

Major Trips:

- July 1 - Wildcat Dam - alone
- Fremont County - Kent
- July 22 - Mark Twain, Krum Lake, Cone Marsh - Kent, Adams

Minor trips

- Linder point - 3X - June 28, July 13, July 19
- Field Camps - July 3
- Camp Hitaga (N. Winn County) - 2X - July 1, July 7
- Reservoir (Sandy Pt, Babcock, Greentown)
- Boke McBride - sailing - July 20, 23, 27

Loons → Ducks

- Liquors (morning?) at Fomey's Lake - July
- Common Loon
  - White Pelican
  - Snow Goose
  - Pintail
  - Lesser Scaup
  - Ruddy Duck
  - double-crested Cormorant

AT Mark Twain (July 22) -

- 36 Gr Blue Heron, 36 Gr. Egrets, no blue wing Teal
- 1 Yellow-crn Night Heron (3 immature night herons)  
species?
- 1 Canada goose
- 20+ mallards
- 100+ Wood ducks - many young in stages
- 2 double-crested cormorants

AT Cone Marsh (July 22)

- 2 Green-wing Teal
- 20+ Blue-wing Teal

Hawks

- Texas Vireos - 2 - N. Limn., July 7.
- Red-tailed Hawk - seen 2X at Camp. Hitaga - July 1 & July 7
- Kestrel - 1 bird seen at Reservoir.

2  
Grouse → Cranes.

1 Bobwhite - none seen 7/22

Pheasants - haven't seen more than 1 all summer

Turkey - on July 26 (2 1930 hrs) on old 218 S. of bridge over Iowa River. 1 ♀ flushed from roadside.

Subsequently Tom Tepny told me he had seen a ♀ & 3-4 poults in the same area on July 29. Tepny said he called Wendell Simonsen who told him the birds were wild stock released by "old man Black" (of Black's ghostlight Village;?) several years ago. Simonsen did not regard them as extensions of the American colony.

A post-doctoral Fellow in Pharmacology, Scott Mohrland, tells me he saw 3-4 birds "many" times during the winter near the 218 bridge. He lives in N. Liberty & routinely drives 218 going to & from the lab.

Shorebirds, Gulls, Terns

No plovers except Killdeer -

Sandpipers - only significant sighting on July 22.

at cone:  
60+ Yellowlegs  
many Pectoral Sandp  
10+ Least Sandp.  
3 SITT Sandp.  
many Semipal Sandp  
8+ Solitary Sandp

[Water levels increased at cone & many other sites after this & flats went under.]

No Gulls

Terns: 4 Forsters Terns on N. Lake McBride  
- July 25.

Black Terns on N. Lake McBride  
3 - July 20; 4 - July 23; 6 - July 27.

Doves, Cuckoos, Owls.

cuckoos - all Yellow-billed - except at Wildcat Den July 1 - 3 Black-billed seen.

Owls:

2. GT Horned Owls & 4 barred Owls - July 3  
heard at Field Campus in evening while  
instructing Camp Fire girls in owl calls.

Barn Owl - Sitcocks

Goatsuckers

Whip-poor-will - July 3 - Field Campus - 3+  
no hummingbirds

belted Kingfisher - 1-2 seen on N. Lake McBride  
on July 20, 23, 27, 29

1 bird seen & heard at Wildcat Den - July 1  
1 bird seen & heard at Kinder Point - June 28

Woodpeckers, Flycatchers, Swallows

Hairy Woodp - 2 Wildcat Den - July 1

E. Phoebe - 4 singing in Wildcat Den July 1

Acadian Flycatcher - 1 calling July 1 - Wildcat  
& 1 seen feeding a fledgling cowbird the same  
day

Swallows -

Large numbers of Tree, Bank swiflet come  
on July 22

Cliff Swallows last seen at Iowa Street Bridge  
on July 30

Purple Martins: 50+ roosting on N. Limb Lake McBride  
mostly young - houses on Lakefront  
cottages

Thruways

Bluebirds: 2 seen & heard N. Lake McBride - July 23  
Scott Morrison (Post Doc in Phytomatology) reported 3 - immature/seen  
on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole of Finkbird - 2 July - 4<sup>th</sup> Wk  
Several nesting pairs near Wildcat den - July 27



Gnatcatchers -> warblers -

Blue-gray Gnatcatchers -

Wildcat Den - July 1 - 2 individuals

Camp Hittage (N. Linn County) - July 1 - 3 individuals  
1 in camp

Wilder pt - 1 seen June 28.

Loggerhead Shrike - July 23, road near Turkey Creek  
TO Sugar Bottom.

White-eyed Vireo - July 5, Hickory Hill - N. Linn  
1 singing in early AM

Bell's Vireo -

2 singing in Hickory Hill - July 5

2 at cone Mtns July 22.

Warblers at Wildcat den - July 1

Cerulean - 1 singing

Yellow.

Ovenbird

Kentucky Warbler - 3 singing.

C. Yellowthroat

Yellow-bellied Chat - 3 seen, heard 1

~~Amer. Redstart~~

Yellow-throated Warbler - 1 seen & heard

documentation not needed because it was  
seen in Wildcat early in life

Other warblers

Kentucky Warbler - 1 singing at Wilder Pt.  
June 28 & July 13

Ovenbird - Wilder pt - 6/28, 7/13, 7/19 - 1-2 each  
Camp Hittage - 7/1, 7/7 - several singing  
Field Camps - 7/3 1 singing

Amer. Redstart.

a group of 4 ♀ / immatures seen / heard  
at Camp Hittage 7/1

Blackbirds & Titmice

Bobolinks - Hickory Hill & Field bank of Reservoir several seen  
all time June  
Field E. of Reservoir (Turkey Creek, Sugar Bottom)  
several seen

W. Meadowlark & E. Meadowlark - roads out from duck area  
seemed to have many of both. Unlike  
all others

Orchard Oriole - 1 ♂ seen & heard across street fr. 301 Woodlark  
Town City on June 13. No heard/seen again

Scarlet Tanager -

- Wildcat Den - 7/1 - 1
- Camp Hitepec - 7/1, 7/7 - 2-3 singing
- Wilder pt. - 7/13 - 1 singing
- Field Camp - 7/3 - 1 singing

Finches → Sparrows

Pine Siskin - viz. artificial in nest in IC  
& Ames

Savannah Sparrow - 2-3 in field near Trenches Creek  
& Sugar Bottom - through July

Grasshopper Sparrow - 2 at 2 different sites the side  
of Reservoir - through July