

Schnepphuel

FIELD REPORT

SUMMER 1978

Pied-billed Grebe--Few found in the northeast, with the exception being 15 at Cardinal Marsh, Winneshiek Co., on June 18, most being immatures.

Green Heron--Down in numbers, suggested to be watched.

Least Bittern--Two or more were found in June at Cardinal Marsh, during each visit.

Green-winged Teal--Two males were at Sweet Marsh, Bremer Co., on June 14.

Lesser Scaup--One female was at Cardinal Marsh on June 12.

Swainson's Hawk--Nest at Fayette Co. appeared successful, with one young last seen there attempting to fledge July 15. An Adult bird was seen near Alpha, Fayette Co., on July 7, and may have bred in area.

Common Bobwhite--Abundant in Volga Lake, but absent from the rest of Fayette Co., showing what a little suitable habitat can do.

Wild Turkey--A nest was found in Volga Lake, Fayette Co., by Luther College people during late June. The population at Volga Lake is good.

Virginia Rail--An obtrusive bird at Sweet Marsh on June 14, was probably protecting young.

Semipalmated Plover--A late bird was at Sweet Marsh on June 14.

Upland Sandpiper--A total of 13, were seen in northeast Iowa (Chickasaw, Fayette, Howard, and Winneshiek) counties, June 9 to July 13. The highest single flock was that of four near Fredricksburg in Chickasaw Co., on July 9.

Woodcock--This uncommon bird was rather common in Volga Lake this summer.

Common Snipe--Appearance of this species twice in June is suspicious. One was found at St. Lucas on June 18. One was at Sweet Marsh June 19.

Black Tern--A flock of 15 was at Cardinal Marsh on June 12.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird--Fairly common at Volga Lake during June.

Belted Kingfisher--Scarce along northeast rivers, no improvement seen.

Eastern Phoebe--Rather common in Volga Lake, uncommon in rest of county.

Acadian Flycatcher--Four plus again summered at St. Lucas, and one or two were found in Volga Lake on June 29 for a new location.

Alder Flycatcher--Four were located during period in northeast; one five miles northeast of New Hampton on June 13; three in Volga Lake on July 6, see general notes write-up for details.

Least Flycatcher--One was regularly found into July at Volga Lake.

Tufted Titmouse--Only three could be located during period in Fayette Co.

Brown Creeper--This species was located at Sweet Marsh on June 17, which was an adult feeding a recently fledged young.

Veery--Two were found regularly at Sweet Marsh into late June.

Eastern Bluebird--Still slipping and may be extirpated from most of Iowa.

Loggerhead Shrike--The pair at Lawler had a nest containing five young on June 24, a pair was also located south of Alpha.

Bell's Vireo--Three located, two at Sweet Marsh June 17, one at Volga Lake July 6.

Blue-winged Warbler--Thirteen were located in late June in Volga Lake so is doing well there.

Chestnut-sided Warbler--One was at Sweet Marsh on June 14, and six were found in Volga Lake in late June and early July, see general notes write-up.

Eastern Meadowlark--Abundant in Volga Lake, uncommon or in small numbers elsewhere.

Orchard Oriole--One or two was found on June 30 in Volga Lake.

*feeding young; first good evidence of nesting in recent times*

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