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Dear Dr. Kent;

Enclosed is my summer bird report. It pertains mainly to the eastern 2/3 of the state. It was hard to judge the status of many of the species as I was unfamiliar with most of the area covered and didn't spend much time in my usual haunts.

I sent in a spring report, but it was late and I forgot what I included in it, so there may be some duplication. This report covers the period May 18-July 31.

Sincerely,

*Darwin Koenig*

- Common Loon--1 adult at Cardinal Marsh on June 23
- Eared Grebe--1 at Lizard Lake (Pocahontas Co) on July 3
- Pied-billed Grebe--Numerous on the marshes in the northern part of state
- Double-crested Cormorant--1 at Green Island (Jackson Co) on June 5 and July 24; 3 imm at Hendrickson Marsh on June 12
- Great Blue Heron--Good numbers in the northern part of the state, especially along the Mississippi R.
- Green Heron--Found fairly frequently
- Great Egret--1 at L&D #9 on June 20; 1 at Green Island on July 24
- Black-crowned Night Heron--1 at Rice Lake on June 25; 1 at Green Island on July 24
- Yellow-crowned Night Heron--1 imm at Green Island on July 27
- Least Bittern--1 at Green Island on June 6 and July 24
- Am. Bittern--2 at Union Slough N.W.R. on June 26
- Snow Goose--1 at Rice Lake on June 25
- Canada Goose--1 at Hendrickson Marsh on June 12; 8 at Green Island on July 24-27
- Green-winged Teal--1 at Green Island on June 6; pair at Rice Lake on June 25; pair at Ingham Lake on June 27; 1 at Big Marsh on June 14
- Ring-necked Duck--1 at Rice Lake on June 25; 5 at Ingham Lake on June 27; 1 at Union Slough on June 26. All males.
- Lesser Scaup--1 at Hendrickson Marsh on June 12; 1 at Union Slough on June 26; 1 at Lizard Lake on July 3. All males.
- Hooded Merganser--1 at Green Island on July 25
- Ruddy Duck--2 at Ingham Lake on June 27; 1 at Union Slough on June 26; 5 at Lizard Lake on July 3
- Cooper's Hawk--1 at YRF on June 21
- Red-tailed Hawk--Found in good numbers throughout the state
- Red-shouldered Hawk--1 at Heery Woods (Butler Co) on June 14
- Broad-winged Hawk--1 at Bellvue S.P. on June 6; 3 in YRF on June 22; 1 at White Pine Hollow on June 19; 1 at Dolliver S.P. on June 30
- Am. Kestrel--34 in 20 counties; all but three in the northern half of the state
- Ruffed Grouse--good numbers in the northeast
- Gray Partridge--fairly numerous in the north-central counties
- Wild Turkey--good numbers in Lee and Allamakee Counties; also found in Jackson Co.
- Virginia Rail--2 at Rice Lake on June 25; 2 (and a nest) at Cardinal Marsh on July 6
- Sora--2 at Union Slough on June 26; 1 at Cardinal Marsh on July 6
- Common Gallinule--1 at Rice Lake on June 25; 1 at Cardinal Marsh on July 6; 2 w/8 young at Green Island on July 27

- American Coot--Numerous on the northern marshes
- Upland Sandpiper--28 in 14 counties; mostly in the south-central counties
- Wilson's Phalarope--1 male at Big Marsh on June 14
- Am. Woodcock--2 in Wayne Co.; 1 in Clayton Co.; 1 in Poweshiek Co.; 1 in Lee Co.
- Common Snipe--1 at Rice Lake on June 25
- Ring-billed Gull--4 at Blackhawk Lake S.P. on June 28
- Forster's Tern--1 at Cardinal Marsh on July 6
- Cuckoos--Numerous everywhere; 2:1 yellow-billed
- Great Horned Owl--Found fairly frequently
- Barred Owl--Found fairly frequently
- Whip-poor-will--Common in the wooded areas throughout
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird--9 found during the summer; apparently not a good year for them
- Red-headed Woodpecker--Numerous everywhere
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker--1 at Green Island on July 26
- Hairy Woodpecker--Found in good numbers; 1:1 downy/hairy ratio
- Eastern Kingbird--Found in good numbers
- Western Kingbird--3 in Harrison County on July 20
- Acadian Flycatcher--Allamakee Co. 13; Dubuque Co. 8 w/2 nests; Jackson Co. 4; Lee Co. 8; Madison Co. 2; Monroe Co. 2; Van Buren Co. 10 w/1 nest
- Alder Flycatcher--Blackhawk Co. 1 on June 15; 1 at Rice Lake on June 25
- Least Flycatcher--1 in YRF on June 21; 1 in Clayton Co. on July 12
- Brown Creeper--1 at Dolliver S.P. on June 30, w/Joe Schaufenbuel
- Winter Wren--1 at White Pine Hollow on June 19; 1 at Pikes Peak S.P. on June 20; 1 at Effigy Mounds N.M. on June 22 and July 12
- Sedge Wren--2 at Ingham Lake on June 27; 1 in Howard Co. on June 24; 1 in Butler Co. on June 15; 3 at Big Marsh on June 14; 1 in Mahaska Co. on June 11
- Veery--1 in Bremer Co. on June 15; 2 in Pilot Knob S.P. on June 25; 9 in White Pine Hollow on June 19; 3 in Backbone S.P. on June 17; 1 in Dolliver S.P. on June 30; 2 in Hardin Co. on June 13; 1 in Lacy-Keosauqua S.P. on May 31.
- Eastern Bluebird--29 in 13 counties; mostly in the southeast
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher--Found fairly frequently in Allamakee, Appanoose, Decatur, Dubuque, Jackson, Lee, Van Buren, and Webster Counties
- Loggerhead Shrike--11 in 7 counties; mostly in the southeast
- White-eyed Vireo--1 in Webster Co. on July 2; 1 at Green Island on June 5 and July 26; 1 in Blackhawk Co. on June 15; 1 in Mahaska Co. on May 25; 1 in Lacy-Keosauqua S.P. on May 29

- Bell's Vireo--17 from 11 counties; mostly southeast
- Worm-eating Warbler--Fairly easy to find in Shimek S.F. and Lacy-Keosauqua S.P.
- Blue-winged Warbler--27 from Allamakee, Appanoose, Lee, Monroe, and Van Buren Counties
- Northern Parula--Fairly easy to find in Lee and Van Buren Counties; female observed building nest in Lacy-Keosauqua S.P. w/J.S.
- Yellow Warbler--Common in the northeast and north-central
- Cerulean Warbler--25 found in Allamakee, Bremer, Clayton, Dubuque, Jackson, Lee, Monroe, and Van Buren Counties
- Blackburnian Warbler--1 in Shimek S.F. on June 2; also on June 3 by Dean Roosa
- Yellow-throated Warbler--1 on June 2 in Lee Co.; 4 in Lacy-Keosauqua S.P. on May 29 w/J.S.
- Louisiana Waterthrush--19 from Clayton, Dubuque, Lee, Van Buren, and Webster Counties
- Kentucky Warbler--50 from Allamakee, Appanoose, Decatur, Dubuque, Hardin, Jackson, Lee, Monroe, and Van Buren Counties
- Mourning Warbler--1 singing male was observed in White Pine Hollow on June 19
- Yellow-breasted Chat--18 from Blackhawk, Jackson, Lee, Lucas, Poweshiek, and Webster Counties
- Hooded Warbler--1 at Lacy-Keosauqua S.P. on May 29
- Canada Warbler--1 in White Pine Hollow on June 19; 1 at Bellvue S.P. on June 5
- Am. Redstart--Fairly common in the northeast
- Orchard Oriole--10 from Blackhawk, Davis, Decatur, Harrison, Jackson, Lee, Monona, and Poweshiek Counties
- Blue Grosbeak--1 in Lee Co. on June 1; 1 in Harrison Co. on July 20
- Savannah Sparrow--79 from 18 counties; mostly in the northeast
- Swamp Sparrow--Common in the marshes of northern Iowa