

referred records

y-th warbler early May
at Burlington (Jim Fuller,
his mother says it's regular
there).

d-b. marsh wren
1 5/16 Cove Marsh
(R DeCosta)

Prairie warbler

1 Squaw Creek Pk,
Cedar Rapids, mid
May (5-12?) (Ken
Fowler).

Much flooding in late March and early april; high numbers of waterfowl in flooded fields. Flooding persisted in spots into late May, perhaps accounting for some of the late waterbird records. May cool and dry overall.

Field records spring 1979

loon, com. 1 4/18 Iowa City.

cormorant, d-c. 2 5/27 CoR.

heron, great blue 4 5/27 CoR
egret, cattle 1 4/21 CoR -- seen while driving to the airport to fly to Texas for a birding tour.

waterfowl

swan, whistling 9 4/1 Amana

goose, gr. white-fr. 4 3/31 flooded field near Cone Marsh.

blue. 250 3/31 " " " " "

duck, black 4 3/25 Cone Marsh.

scaup, l. 1000 flooded ~~field~~ field in riverbottom, Hills, 4/8; 1 drake 5/27 CoR.

scoter, common 1 female 3/31 Cone Marsh (details att.)

hawks

t. vulture 2 5/27 nr. Wildcat Den SP; 4 5/27 Amana.

red-tailed hawk: pair circling together nr Wildcat Den SP 5/27; one carrying a dead snake in its talons.

red-shouldered: single immatures seen 5/27 at Wildcat Den SP and at Rochester Cemetary.

broad-wing. 1 imm. 5/27 Wildcat Den SP.

Am. kestrel 6 3/31 Lake Macbride-Solon area.

a large accipiter, near size of crow, therefore probable Cooper's, seen 4/1 HHP. bird had been seen in vicinity several times before by T. Staudt.

shorebirds

woodcock, Am. 1 5/27 Wildcat Den SP.

yellowlegs, gr. 10 4/8 Hills

1 1 " "

pectoral s. 20 4/8 Hills.

dunlin 2 CoR, 25 Amana lake 5/27

semipalmated sandpiper 5 CoR, 30 Amana lake 5/27

forsters tern 10 5/27 ~~Wills~~ CoR.

cuckoos

y-b and bl-b both rather abundant, with ~~black~~ black-b outnumbering y-b.

black-b: 4 5/19 Wildcat Den; 6 5/20 HHP.

owls

1 short-eared 3/25 Cone Marsh, soaring high over a field in broad daylight.

hummingbird, r-t. 3 5/19 Wildcat Den; 2 5/20 HHP.

woodpeckers

woodpecker, h 1 5/13 Cedar Bluff; 1 5/19, 5/27 HHP

flicker, com. 25 4/8 Cone Marsh

woodpecker, pil. 1 5/19 Wildcat Den (CSW)

flycatchers

e. phoebe: 2 at a bridge 5/19 and 2 at a cliff site 5/27, Wildcat Den. Probably nesting prs.

acadian: 2 singing 5/19, 5/27 Wildcat Den.

olive-sided: 1 5/20 HHP

swallows

about 10 prs rough-winged 5/19, 5/27 Wildcat Den; 1 seen 5/13 by quarry nr. Cedar Bluff

titmice

t. titmouse: female on nest 5/13 Cedar Bluff; 1 ~~*/1*~~ 5/14 HHP; 2 5/27 Wildcat Den; group of 3 5/28 HHP

thrushes.

first robins returned 3/5 Iowa City
wood thr. 2 singing 5/27 wildcat den
veery 1 singing 5/27 wildcat den

gnatcatcher, bl-gr. 1 Cedar Bluff 5/13; pair with nest 5/27 Wildcat Den.

pipit, water 20 3/25 Cone Marsh area.

shrike, loggerhead 1 3/25 near Cone Marsh.

vireos

white-eyed 1 singing 5/9, 5/11 HHP but not heard ~~thru~~ thereafter.
Bell's 2 on territory HHP from mid-May on.
warbling vireos not much in evidence so far, have seen only a few.

warblers

worm-eating 1 singing 5/27 Wildcat Den
cerulean 1 male, 2 females 5/11 HHP; 1 male 5/13 Cedar Bluff; 5 singing 5/19
wildcat den; 2 singing there 5/27.
La. waterthrush 1 5/27 Wildcat Den
Kentucky: 4 (including one pair) Wildcat Den 5/19
Connecticut: singing birds 5/14, 5/16 HHP. singles
Mourning: 1 male 5/28 HHP
Canada: ~~singing birds seen 5/9, 5/20~~ 1 5/9, 2 5/20, 1 5/28 HHP; 1 5/13 Cedar Bluff.
yellow: 3 singing males HHP, from mid-May on.
Cape May: 2 males 5/13 Cedar Bluff.
Yellow-throated: 2 singing males 5/19 Wildcat Den; one still present 5/28.

tanagers

scarlet: 2 5/13 Cedar Bluff; 2-3 males 5/19, 5/27 Wildcat Den.

a female tanager seen 5/27 Wildcat den had a pale orange wash, about the color of a female or imm baltimore oriole, and bright orange undertail coverts, also a rufous cast to the olive tail feathers. Possible summer tanager? *likely*

fringillids.

towhee, r-s: 2 males on territory HHP, 5/9 on; 1 4/13 Cedar Bluff; 1 5/19 Wildcat Den.
field sparrow: 2 nests 5/13 Cedar Bluff, one w/ 1 egg + 1 cowbird egg, the other w/ 4 eggs.
Lincoln's sparrow 1 5/19 Wildcat Den.
Song sparrows seem reduced in numbers so far this spring.
Savannah sparrows: 1 5/27 near the CoR.
Vesper sparrow: seen several times near Cone Marsh late March-early April.

Icterids

rusty blackbird: 8 3/4 near the CoR; 400 4/8 in flooded cornfield near Hills.
Brewer's blackbird: present 3/25-3/31 in pasture on NE side of Cone Marsh; high count 50 3/26.