

Wings

Hummingbirds - Two (2) five miles north of Pville, last 7 days near south end of Red Rock dam, two 1♂ + 1♀ at syrup feeder here in town during June + July.

Belted Kingfisher - Scarce, 4 reports of single birds seen over the state.

Red Headed Woodpecker - fairly good population but low compared to 5 + 10 years ago

Eastern Kingbird - fair population but down compared to previous years.

Great Crested Flycatcher - few

Eastern Phoebe - just more at any of nest sites used in previous 2 years! I observed one family having insects on July 19 at Hickory Hill Park in Warren County 12 miles south of Indianola.

Cliff Swallows - nested on (1) rock cliff in Refuge, (2) in face of Red Rock dam and (3) in huge square culvert under the road 2 miles north of Red Rock dam. However the total population was less than in previous years.

Purple Martins - down here in town.

House Wrens - down in town + country

Mackinacbirds - None in any of the 5 fields SE + NE of Pville in 1977 or 1978. Had nested in these fields from at least 1956 thru 1976

Robins - fewer here in Pville + in the country.

Bluebird very scarce. The Knoxville Biology classes built and erected 200 Blue bird boxes and had only 5 pairs nesting. Of these 2 were predated and 5 young in each of 2 boxes died of farm poisons, poisoned cutworms.

Loggerhead Thrushes. 2 pairs nested in Orange trees in rural, both nests predated. One nest located in an Locust tree was bulldozed + destroyed during incubation. Later the two pair SE of town nested successfully, 1 in a Red How tree and 1 in a mulberry, 5 fledged from each nest.

Bell's Vireo, heard one singing but unable to locate nest in the thicket.

Yellow Warbler - 2 pair in old BOA field. Nest success not determined. One family seen feeding in trees 5 miles E of Pville on July 13

1978 Summer Birds - Red Rock Black
Yellow-throat - numerous but not as populous as
in previous years

Chat - None seen or heard in 4 areas where they once
nested each summer

Bobolink - Scarce, 1 pair in old 60A pasture
Several pair in pasture on So. side of Refuge.
2 pair in No. E of Rock State Park, but morning destroyed
nests.

Orchard Oriole only 1 pair in old 60A pasture, Banded
3 young. I destroyed 2 Cowbird eggs in nest by puncturing
them with needle. (Big Cowbird pop. in that field with
their eggs in nearly every Red wing nest.)

Northern Oriole - fairly numerous but definitely down
in this area.

Indigo Bunting - fairly good population with many
still singing

Quail, Fairly good population but low
compared to 10 years ago.

Grasshopper Sparrow - None seen

The Kille Biology students did nest surveys of the old 60
A Shrubby pasture, 91 nests located, Several ground nests
not located, I'm sure. Red-wing nests were predominant.
32 species total seen. Did not locate Rosebreasted Grosbeak,
Song + several Field Sparrow nests, Bobolink, Bell's Vireo
nests. Nor the Gr. Horned Owl nest which was located in
a field to East. House Sparrow + Starling nests in dead
trees not counted.

Really nothing terribly exciting here, No shorebirds
yet and I'm surprised as we have several exposed mud flats.
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