Iowa Records, Summer 1979

cormorant, d-c 1 6/9 Ft Madison

scaup, 1 5 6/9 Ft. Madison canvasback 1 6/9 Ft Madisson

t. vulture ca. 50 6/9 Ft. Madison; 2 7/29 CoR Am. kestrel 2 m 7/29 CoR

shorebirds breeding birds: sandpiper, upland 3 6/16 West Liberty; 2 6/17 Williamsburg sandpiper, spotted pair 6/16 Hills

migrants: first southbound birds obs 7/14 CoR yellowlegs, gr. 1 7/14x@x 7/29 CoR plover, semipal. 1 7/29 CoR pectoral sandpiper 24 7/29 CoR solitary sandpiper 14 7/29m CoR stilet sandpiper 1 7/29 CoR semipal. sandpiper 33 7/29 CoR

tern, black 3 Cone Marsh 5/31

red-h woodpecker: no decline obs on 2 BBS routes

flycatchers

western kingbird 1 6/9 Lee Co. willow flycatcher: 1 6/16 W. Liberty, 2 6/17 Williamsburg, 1 5/31 Cone Marsh, 1 7/1 Hills proche ie 16/9 Lee Co Acadian flyc. 1 Shimek SF, 5 LKSP 6/9

swallows

cliff swallow colony on Iowa City bridges seems to show no decline swallow, r-w 2 6/17 Williamsburg; 3 7/1 Tipton Mt. Vernon swallow, bank 4 7/1 Tipton

wren, Carolina 1 6/9 Ft. Madison

shrike, loggerhead 3 6/16 W. Liberty; 1 6/17 Williamsburg

thrush, wood 2-3 singing 7/7 nr. Mt Vernon gnatcatcher, bl-gr. common 6/9 (ca 20) in Lee Co area. vireo, Bell's: 1 5/31 Cone Marsh; 1 7/1 Hills; 2 prs throughout period in HHP, Iowa City. vireo, wh-e: 1 5/31 in oxbow w. of Cone Marsh; not heard this summer in HHP.

warblers

prothonotary: a pair 5/31 at a tree cavity in the oxbow w wrenexmarch of Cone Marsh. waterthrush, La. 1 Shimek SF 6/9 warbler, Ke. 1 heard Sh SF 6/9 warbler, M. 1 heard 6/9 Sh SF chat, y-br. 2 Lee Co 6/9 warbler, bl-w 2-3 heard/ seen 6/9 Lee Co.

oriole, orchard: more common in SE than in Iowa City area; ca 6 6/9 Lee Co. y-headed blackbirds were fewer at cone marsh than last year; only 2-3 males seen 5/31 SPATTEONS.

sparrows
vesper 2 7/14 nr CoR
lark 3 6/9 Lee Co
savannah 1 6/16 W. Liberty; 1 7/7 Tipton, 1 7/29 CoR

On two breeding bird survey routes (Williamsburg and West Liberty) dickcissels showed a 2x increase over numbers in 1978 and 1977; however song sparrows showed a 2x decrease:

species		to	otal birds	
	76	77	78	79
dickcissel	61	43	46	93
song sparrow	44	50	41	23