

Newton

# Mike Newton (date for inclusion in summary)

Sight records, summer 1978

## General

Swan Lake --filled with water last fall, by midsummer was filling with dense vegetation. As a result, several species previously absent nested: pied-billed grebe, coot, bl-w. teal.

grassland birds--comparison of breeding bird census route data shows no decrease in four grassland species from last year, but a decline from 1976 to 1977. The figures are:

	1976	1977	1978
bobolink	17	5	15
western meadowlark	78	76	78
dickcissel	71	93	96
grasshopper sparrow	18	12	10

~~for Dickcissel~~  
for Dickcissel  
and grasshopper  
sparrows

grebes <sup>p-b</sup>  
1 pr nested swan lake (R Hollis found nest)

herons  
grt. blue 6 7/23 Cone Marsh  
gt. egret 1 7/23 Cone Marsh

waterfowl  
gadwall 1 male 7/4 Swan Lake  
bl-w teal female and brood of 4 7/4 Swan Lake

hawks  
red-tail 1 ad 7/15 CoR  
Am. kestrel 1 7/4 n of Oxford; group of 7 7/10 Central City; 1 7/23 Cone M  
(more records than usual).

rails etc  
coot 3 pr nested Swan Lake  
sora rail present Sycamore St Marsh Iowa City 7/15 on

shorebirds  
upland sandpiper 4 6/24 N. Iowa Co. (w/ RdC); 2 6/25; 2 7/23 w of West Liberty  
(same general area but different fields).  
spotted sand. 1 7/15 Iowa R. s of W. Amana  
solitary sand. 1 7/16 Sycamore St. Marsh  
pectoral sand. 6 7/23 Sycamore St.  
l. yellowlegs 1 7/23 Cone M.

terns.  
forster's 2 7/23 Cone Marsh

cuckoos  
y-b 1-2 per trip 6/9 to 7/16 HHP; 3 6/10 W. Liberty to Kalona (BBS Rt 007);  
1 6/25 Saulsbury Br Recreation area (on Cedar R, SE of W Liberty); 6 7/4  
in Iowa R. bottom between W Amana and S Amana; 1 7/4 Williams Prairie;  
1 7/10 Central City; 1 7/22 CoR. abundant.  
bl-b 1 6/11 HHP; 3 6/24 Williamsburg area in No. Iowa County; 1 6/25 Saulsbury  
Br Rec area. Not so abundant. Seen less tied to riparian  
habitat

hummingbirds

r-thr. 3 7/4; 2 7/15, between east end of Amana timber and Williams Prairie.

goatsuckers

whip-poor-will 1 calling in ~~daylight~~ daylight 7/4 Williams Prairie (w/ RdC).

woodpeckers

hairy single birds 6/9 HHP; 6/25 Saulsbury Br Rec Area, 7/4 Amana timber.  
redheaded-abundant-- to 20-40 day in suitable habitat

flycatchers

willow - singles 6/10 and 7/23 W liberty (different locations) and 7/4 near Williams Prairie. An Empidonax sp 7/9 HHP.

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titmouse, t. 2 6/10 Hills; 2-3 singing birds 6/9-6/13 HHP; 2 6/25 <sup>W</sup>Sulsbury Br rec area

wrens

1/2 marsh -none found Cone Marsh 7/23  
sedge-none found anywhere

thrushes

veery 1 singing 7/4 Amana timber  
wood thrush 1 singing 7/4 Amana timber

gnatcatchers

1-2 birds 7/4-7/15 Iowa River bottom between W & S Amana; 1 7/15 near Williams prairie.

shrikes

loggerhead 3 6/24 in No. Iowa County (w/ RdC).

vireos

white-eyed 1 singing bird 6/9-7/16 HHP  
Bells: 2-4 6/9-7/16 HHP; 1 7/4 Williams Prairie<sup>ie</sup>; 1 7/23 Cone Marsh  
y-thr. 1 7/4 Iowa R bottom between W & S Amana

warblers

yellow seem abundant this year: 2 males singing 6/9-7/16 HHP; 1 6/10 Hills;  
1 7/10 Central city; 1 7/15 Williams Prairie; 2 7/23 Cone Marsh.  
Am. redstart: a pair in the Iowa River bottom Between W and S Amana 7/4, 7/15

Icterids

y-h blackbird: up to 3  $\emptyset$  Sycamore St 7/16-7/23; 6 males 7/23 Cone Marsh  
orchard oriole: 1 ad male~~s~~ singing in HHP 6/13; 4 (1 ad male, 3  $\emptyset$ ) in 3 groups  
in HHP 7/16; an imm male at a nest 7/4 Williams Prairie (w/ RdC).

finches

r-s towhee 1 HHP 6/13-7/23; 1 7/4-7/16 Amana timber  
vesper sparrow 2 7/23 e of Cone Marsh.