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Dear Tom,

Not a lot to report since I was gone a week, did 2 of my Fed. routes in Illinois + the Illinois Vaux Swallow project. In a day or two the Foray Bird List (prelim) will be typed + I will send you a copy. You already have a feel for that data. I will stress my 2 Iowa ^{Fed} routes in this report as they give hard data on breeders. I have done them for 12 years, 1967-77 + 79. In 1978 Bob Bryant did Bryant route (starts N.E. of Goose Lake, ends S.W. of Belmar, Clinton Co., E-W. In 1978 Emie Sadler did the Cedar Valley route, start at Cedar Valley bridge on Cedar R. (N. of I-80) runs N. to near Muskrat slough (Co. line) then east about 7 miles (Cedar Co.) Early stops very good on this route.

72 species over the year
over the year

data?

- Am. White Pelican - flight of 6, over river, flying upstream seen from my yard, species 139 for yard list.
- Sooty Egret - one at C. D. on July 23. (I was only on C. D. twice this summer)
- Mallard - excellent crop of young - Mary Lou counted about 100 in Lindsey Park Goat Club area July 27.
- Wood Duck - several broods seen - 7 - S.W. of Muscatine 6/15, 8 at C.D. July 23. also June 15 a brood of 8+ was found on bluff in river area in W. Dec. 1 mile from Min.
- Redhead - 3 } at Goose Lake, Clinton Co. - 6/16/79
- Ruddy Duck - 1 }
- Bob-white-down - Bryant route, 1967-77 av. - 13.64, 1979 - 2
- " " C. Valley " " - 10.82, 1979 - 5
- Pheasant - down a bit. Bryant " " - 65.09, 1979 - 46
- Upland Hk - July 2, " " " " - 69.09, 1979 - 32
- Pect. Sps - 2 - C. D. - July 23. " " " " - 1 mi. west of S. Amana.

(over.)

M. Dove - down - Bryant route 1967-77 av. 16.09 - 1979 - 8
 C. Valley " " 12.08 " - 5
 Cuckoo - bobsp. - up locally - very good nos; Lee Co. along ^{Miss.} river.
 Acadian Flycatcher - one or two, June 15, Wildcat Den.
 Crow - down - Bryant route 1967-77 av. - 38.91 - 1979 - 21
 C. Valley " " - 32.55 " - 6
 Z. Catbird - up - Bryant " " - 182 " - 2
 C. Valley " " - 1.91 " - 5
 → seem to be more generally

E. Bluebirds ^{sample} results of Bluebird trail near Wildcat Den - 3 years
 1979 - 41 boxes - 3 used by Bluebirds, 2 successful broods
 1970 - 36 " - 15 " " " 11 " "
 1962 - 36 " - 19 " " " 24 " "

E. Waxwing - in good numbers around home, near Museum + in Gettysburg
 about double the number of summer observations.

Cowbird - Wildcat Den 6/19 - singing ♂

W. ty. " " " 6/19 - at least two

C. Yellowthroat - up - Bryant route 1967-77 - av. 26.64 1979 - 30
 C. Valley " " " - 15.36 " - 22

Bobolink - down Bryant " " " - 24.73 " - 13
 C. Valley " " " - 27.91 " - 19

E. Meadowlark - down - Bryant " " " - 19.18 " - 6
 C. Valley " " " - 8.64 " - 3

W. Meadowlark - down Bryant " " " - 12.18 " - 41
 C. Valley " " " - 105.91 " - 22

Cardinal - up a bit Bryant " " " - 6.09 " - 6
 → seem to be up around house also C. Valley " " " - 8.55 " - 13

Indigo Bunting - up Bryant " " " - 7.09 " - 10
 C. Valley " " " - 9.73 " - 13

Dickcissel - down Bryant " " " - 106.27 " - 30
 C. Valley " " " - 74.27 " - 20

Am. Goldfinch - down a bit Bryant " " " - 15.91 " - 7
 C. Valley " " " - 10.96 " - 6

Grasshopper Spa. - up - Bryant " " " - 14.55 " - 21
 C. Valley " " " - 10.91 " - 12

Veery Spa. - down - Bryant " " " - 9.27 " - 7
 C. Valley " " " - 9.27 " - 6

Lark Sparrow - 2 at Iowa, Ill. Property, 5 mi. S. of Muscatine 6/15.

Guess that is it, for what it's worth. Let me know how much you want in the way of banding info. for fall.

So long,

Pete

not my obs.
 1978 - 7
 " - 13