

5 June 1978

Nick.

Carl Bendary and I spent the best part of Saturday June 3, in the field. Some of the birds we saw seem worth mentioning:

Woods above the old beaver dam on F20 near the Ranch.

Blue Winged Warbler - singing + sighted high in tree

Ovenbirds - singing

Rose Breasted Grosbeak - singing + visual

Towhee - singing + visual

Pewee - " + "

Field Sparrow - on nest w. 4 eggs.

This was ~11 AM what should be a dull time of the day.

Around the R from 218 - Wms Prairie we saw 3 different Red Tail Hawks -

1 rather pale bird @ very near 218 (adult)

1 immature

1 other adult

Swan Lake

Nesting: Pied Bill Grebes - observed 1 bawing nest ~ several others present ~4

Coots - one incubating on nest

Blue Wing Teal - several ♂/♀ pairs observed

Jolly Roger (old Corralville Docks) - Franklin's Gull - flew by (over)

adult in good plumage: dark head & dark wing tips

Amana Woods - at West end of the sandy road S of
River. Breeding Activities; (this was at 3PM - 75° + muggy)

Scarlet Tanager - ♂ + ♀ flying together + perching
near each other

Redstart - observed ♀ on nest

Oronbirds - singing

Wood Thrush - singing

Blue Gray Gnatcatcher - a pair of birds chasing
each other around.

Towhee - singing

Cerulean Warbler

- one heard singing in the same tree (or next one)
that a ♂ was observed

May 22 by Carl @ 7AM + 5 PM
and

May 25 by Carl and myself @ 7AM

- at the same time on Saturday that we heard
the bird mentioned above we heard at
least one possible two others singing
farther off in the woods.

If I can provide further information, call me: 353-5584

Rick Hollis - we also had a Yellow Throat Vireo
at Amana Woods

vii-6-78

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Carl Bendorf & I were out vii-2-78 among normal sorts of things we saw the following interesting birds:

1. Franklin's Gull - still in summer plumage i.e. head fully black. The upper surface of the wings were gray - getting darker towards the tips. The tips were clearly black - i.e. not white as in Bonapartes. The poor light made it impossible to see the white line separating the gray and black. The bird was flying W paralleling Rt 6 about 5 miles E of LaCy. - We observed it at ~~about~~ about 8 AM. It was very overcast & dark at that time.

2. Around the lake between W Amama & S Amama

Prothonotary W singing - we saw one bird while another was singing farther into the swamp.

3. Grassy field ~ 1 mile N of Amama - Upland Sandpiper - circled the field high in the air for ~ 30'. The field was full singing Grasshopper Sparrows - Upwards of a dozen

Also - on vii-6-78 at the Sycamore St Marsh - Yellolegs. ~~was~~ about a dozen mostly greater - a few lessers.

Rick Hollis

PS. Since I've waited a week to send this please add

vii-9~~th~~ 7PM 3 individual kestrels ~ 0.5 mile E of Swan Lake (all were in my field of vision at one time.)