

June 5, 1979

Dear Nicholas,

Here is my Spring Report. All sightings in N. Polk County unless noted.

Spring was a couple weeks late here. This was the first Spring with good numbers of White Pelicans in Saylorville and The Big Creek Lake areas, 75 to 100 seen on April 17. Waterfowl were in good numbers, also.

A Great Egret was seen on Big Creek Lake on April 1.

It was a good Spring for Raptors. Broad-winged Hawks were in good numbers with 50 to 60 seen on April 17. American Kestrel were in large numbers the first week in April, over 50 seen a couple of times with 46 Banded. Northern Shrike was also Banded on April 1.

Purple Martins were a week or so late in this area. But numbers look as good or better than last year.

Eastern Bluebirds look like they had the second bad Winter in a row. I have 3 first nesting, only one better than last year. Still way down from 1977.

I have seen a Mockingbird in my yard on April 17, May 9 and 29; but no sign of nesting yet.

A Northern Waterthrush was seen and heard singing on May 25, 26 and 27, In Southern Greene County. Veerys were also heard in this area.

Sincerely,

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