

Brown

Spring, 1979 Des Moines

Great Blue and Green Herons, few. One Cattle Egret May 14 (Gene Armstrong)

* Black-crowned Night Herons. Ca 20 at Hendrickson's Slough, Marshall Co.

28 April (Stuart Burns) One seen there on our return from Waterloo.

Mute Swan on farm pond near St. Mary's Apr. 11 (Dick Mooney)

Ducks: Mallards fewer but Red-breasted Mergansers more than usual.

Female Surf Scoter near Orilla, May 5 (Gene and Dick)

Broad-wing Hawk. At least 40 on Apr. 19 (Gene)

Bald Eagle near Runnels, Mar. 30 (Dick)

* Kestrels. Very many early in Apr. 10-12 seen in afternoon

Shorebirds: Snipe more than usual. First wave predominately Yellow-

legs, both sp. Second wave more varied. Upland Sandpipers - probable

nesting pairs in 2 locations (Gene). Marbled Godwit - Ankeny on Apr. 21

(Fred Crane & Stuart Burns) Three Hudsonian on Apr. 30, Ankeny (Dick)

Gulls: Thousands of Ring-billed in Early April. Small flock of

Bonaparte's near Booneville (Gene)

*Cuckoos: both species unusually plentiful

Vireos: Few Warbling and Red-eyed but Bell's still missing

Warblers: Generally thought to have been a good migration. Bluewings
(Dick)

seen at Ledges on June 1, and a single in Des Moines (Mark Rouw and Gene A)

Wood

Barn Owls. Pair at Ross Sillocks Apr 25