

Bob Meyer
Perry, Iowa

May 29
Keokuk, Iowa

Dear Bob,

Greetings from sub-tropical Keokuk!!

Anticipating you would be quickly in over your head with Field Reports, I thought I would go ahead and send mine in--give you a little extra time. I don't expect any great discoveries between now and the 31st, but if there are, I'll send you an update.

As I have probably told all the other Field Reports Editors, I am conservative in all things I report--in counts of birds and in whether I am convinced enough of an identification to include it. This doesn't mean that I am always right--it just means that I always try to be.

Not a whole lot else to report. Be sure and note the last sheet of Field Reports are fide reports. I am convinced of their authenticity.

Have a great spring and summer. Talked to Francis last night--he said you might be coming down around the middle of June?? Really hope you can make it--hope to make it out together.

Well, I'm in a hurry, have a cold, and feel generally rotten, so CHEERS!!

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P.S. - C.U.S.F means CROTON UNIT,
SHIMEK FOREST - LEE COUNTY.

Season: Spring Year: 1986

Name and address Robert Cecil (RCe)

Other observers (name, city):

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Keokuk, Iowa 52632

Use first few lines to give weather and habitat conditions. Use line(s) below species data to give additional details, if needed. Mail to: T. H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City IA 52240 by 1 Mar, 1 Jun, 1 Aug, or 1 Dec.

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
Snow Goose	12,000	Mar. 11	Green Bay bottoms (Lee County). I believe this is a large number for eastern Iowa.
Canada Goose	3,000	Mar. 11	With Snow Geese reported above.
Green-winged Teal	1,500	Mar. 28	Riverton Area, Fremont Co. With Francis Moore
Blue-winged Teal	4	Mar. 11	Montrose (Lee County) 1st for year.
Cinnamon Teal	1	Mar. 28	Keg Lake (Mills Co.) with F.L.M. Male bird.
Redhead	7	Mar. 9	Mississippi River at Montrose in Lee County. First for season.
Lesser Scaup	30,000	Mar. 4	Mississippi River Pool 19 in Lee County.
Osprey	1	May 15	Lee County near Argyle.
Broad-winged Hawk	2	Mar. 12	Lee County. My first for season.
Rough-legged Hawk	4	Mar. 7	Three, including 1 dark phase (my 1st) were together. Another was close by. Migrating together? VanBuren County.
Golden Eagle	1	Mar. 28	**See Documentation**
American Coot	50	Mar. 9	Miss. River Pool 19 (Lee Co.) First for year.
Franklin's Gull	125	May 19, 20	Miss. River at Keokuk (Lee Co.)
Black Tern	460	May 19	Found upon returning from I.O.U. meeting. This is my peak count by a wide margin. Was careful and conservative with count. Miss. River, Keokuk.
Black-billed Cuckoo	1	May 5	Croton Unit, Shimek State Forest (CUSF). Early? Noted unspotted undertail, absence of rufous in wings. (Lee Co.)
Common Nighthawk	2	Ap. 26	Saw and heard over Keokuk. Early?
Chimney Swift	3	Ap. 15	First for season.
Acadian Flycatcher	1	May 4	First for season. CUSF (Croton Unit, Shimek) Lee Co.
Least Flycatcher	4	Ap. 25	Early? CUSF. Based identification upon general empid. appearance, repeated CheBek' calls.
" "	7	May 6	Peak count, CUSF.

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Eastern Phoebe	2	Mar. 22	CUSF. First for year.
Tree Swallow	10	Mar. 28	Riverton Area (Fremont Co.) With F.L.M.
Barn Swallow	2	Ap. 13	First for year. Lee Co.
Carolina Wren	1	Ap. 5	Saw and heard this singing bird at CUSF. Did not see again.
Bewick's Wren			**See Documentation**
House Wren	1	Ap. 9	My back yard, Keokuk (Lee Co.) Early?
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	Ap. 17	First for year, CUSF.
Hermit Thrush	1	Ap. 6	This was my first, last, and peak count for this species. CUSF.
Gray Catbird	1	Ap. 25	First for year, CUSF
Brown Thrasher	1	Mar 31	Early? CUSF. I think this was a legitimate returning migrant rather than a wintering bird. I had visited the area several times just before this without finding Thrashers. Showed up on same date as L. Waterthrush.
Loggerhead Shrike	1	Ap. 24	Near Argyle in Lee Co. My first Shrike of any species in Lee Co., beleive it or not.
White-eyed Vireo	1	Ap. 26	First, CUSF. Saw and heard.
" "	4	May 6 etc.	Singing birds, CUSF
Solitary Vireo	1	Ap. 26	First, CUSF. Saw only
Warbling Vireo	1	Ap. 27	Early? Keokuk in Lee Co. Saw and heard
Red-eyed Vireo	1	Ap. 26	Early? CUSF. Saw and heard
Blue-winged Warbler	6	Ap. 25	Early? CUSF.
" "	1	May 8	Found nest under construction (Doug Reeves, ICC) CUSF.
" "	20	May 9-11	This is count of singing males only. Made count over two days--covered all areas where I had previously found birds. Birds seem unusually abundant this year--utilizing even what appears to me to be marginal habitat. C.U.S.F.

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Nashville Warbler	1	Ap. 26	CUSF. Early?
Northern Parula	1	Ap. 18	CUSF. First for year
Yellow-throated Warbler	2	Ap. 17	First (and first ever) for CUSF. Don't think they stayed.
Cerulean Warbler	1	Ap. 24	CUSF. Early?
Worm-eating Warbler	1	May 2	Singing bird seen and heard. CUSF
" "	4	May 12	Peak count, singing birds. CUSF.
Ovenbird	4	Ap. 25	First, CUSF.
Louisiana Waterthrush	2	Mar. 31	Carefully noted clear, unstreaked white throat, song that ended in distinctive twitter. Bird was along small stream at CUSF where present last year Early?
Kentucky Warbler	1	Ap. 26	CUSF. Early?
Mourning Warbler	1	May 4	Noted adult male with gray hood, black throat patch. CUSF. Early?
Wilson's Warbler	1	May 6	First. CUSF
Canada Warbler	1	May 11	First. CUSF
Yellowbreasted Chat	1	May 6	First, CUSF
" "	3	May 8	Peak found, CUSF
Scarlet Tanager	1	Ap. 26	C.U.S.F. Early? Saw and heard
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	Ap. 25	CUSF Early?
Indigo Bunting	1	Ap. 25	CUSF Early? Male bird,
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	May 5	Noted Chipping sparrow-like bird with streaked crown, distinct ear patch. Bird silent. Was in grassy area along creek (CUSF) just like habitat description in <u>Iowa Birds</u> . Life bird.
Lark Sparrow	3	May 5	Lee Co. near Argyle
Northern Oriole	1	Ap. 26	First for year. <u>C.U.S.F.</u>

