

Season: Summer Year: 1986

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Other observers (name, city):

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
Common Loon	1	June 10	This winter-plumaged bird was seen by me on two different times this date, incl with scope. It was near the dam (Miss. River) at Keokuk. Did not see again, but did not look very hard.
Lesser Scaup	4	June 10	These 2 females and two males lingered on Pool 19 of the Miss. River near Montrose in Lee Co.
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	June 6	See details of identification
Cooper's Hawk	1	June 1	Noted Crow-sized accipiter with tail obviously rounded in flight. Found about a mile east of Farmington in Lee County (in Shimek Forest)
Ring-billed Gull	32	June 10 etc.	These birds summer each year at the Miss. River dam at Keokuk. 6/10 was the date I counted them--they remained all summer.
Purple Martin	50	June 15	Congregated at traditional roost site at Keokuk. To my substantial dissapointment, the large roost did not develop, possibly due to human disturbance.
Carolina Wren	1	June 15	Singing male / Francis Moore. Croton Unit, Shimek
" "	3	July 21	Croton Unit, Shimek. Birds together.
White-eyed Vireo	3	June 6 etc.	Singing males that summered at Croton Unit, Shim.
Blue-winged Warbler			Abundant this year. 15 or more singing males summered at CUSF in Lee Co., Found 6 singing males + several females, + two recently fledged broods in VanBuren Co. (Shimek Forest). Birds were so abundant they seemed to me to be using even marginal habitat--young woodlands with tree size averaging 30-40 ft.
Tennessee Warbler	1	June 7	Found on IOU Field trip. <sup>CUSF</sup> several observers
Northern Parula	4	June 8 etc.	Count of singing males, CUSF.
Yellow-throated Warb.	1	June 18	Singing male, seen and heard. My first summer record of this species at CUSF.
Prairie Warbler			**SEE DOCUMENTATION**
Cerulean Warbler	5	June 18 etc.	Singing males that summered at CUSF.
Worm-eating Warbler	5	July 21	Four of these birds were together, as if in in a family group, although all were fully feathered. <i>Usually found one or two birds each day through summer. CUSF</i>



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Louisiana Waterthrush	7	various	This is my count of individual locations with singing males. This estimate is conservative-- Almost all little streams had a bird or two--- CUSF.
Hooded Warbler.	1	June 7 & 10	On 7th, seen by several on Field Trip. On 10th, also heard by Proescholdts. My first record of this species in CUSF.
Yellow-breasted Chat	4	June 6	Summered at CUSF. also on other dates
" " "	3	June 12	At another Lee Co. location near CUSF
Summer Tanager	1	June 3	Singing male at CUSF, with Prescholdts. My first for CUSF.
" "	1	June 7	Found by us on CUSF Field Trip--different location.

NOTE:  
 C.U.S.F. means  
 CROTON UNIT of Shimek State  
 FOREST, 2 1/2 miles west of  
 ARGYLE in LEE Co. IOWA.

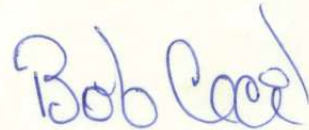
July 31  
Keokuk

Dear Jim,

Enclosed is a rather lean Field Report for this Summer. A month out West and more time spent on the Breeding Bird Atlas meant less time in my regular hotspots.

I enjoyed talking to Steve the other night. I found his Blue Grosbeak family here in Lee Co. particularly interesting. His sighting was less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from where I saw one in summer '84 and Mark Proescholdt saw one in summer '85. Darwin Koenig, I believe also found one on the Lee County foray in '81, so it seems possible or probable that they are regular in summer here. I had looked for one several times this summer, but without success. (I see I forgot to note that Koenig's, as best as I can figure, was about 4-5 miles from the more recent sightings, but also in the general area of the Des Moines River.)

Hope to see you at Waterloo.



Bob Cecil

P.S. I went out this morning (Aug. 1) and found the Blue Grosbeak about 1 mile from where Steve found his. Tell him thanks for me!