

Dear Jim,

The following are some bird observations during my stay at Lakeside Laboratory. Some are better documented than others, so pick and choose what you think are valid and/or noteworthy.

9-14 June I repeatedly heard a Winter wren below my cabin immediately adjacent to the lake. The habitat was deciduous forest with a shrub and herb layer. Although I searched for the bird 3 times, I was never able to see it and it did not sing when I was looking. Having only heard the song 3-4 times previously, I compared it to a recording that I had with me. The songs matched.

During the same period, a Wood thrush was calling in a wet hollow, but it did not call after this week.

16-18 June. Veery heard several times by lake.

18-20 June Freda Haffner Kettleholw Preserve Four Loggerhead shrikes observed (two adults and what appeared to be two juveniles). A nest was found in a Siberian Elm (*Ulm pumila*). One adult had wedged a garter snake into the bark of the tree and was eating the snake from the head to the tail. I took photographs of the juveniles.

1-3 July--White-faced Ibises at Jemerson Slough as you know.

7 July--County Road M38, Section 19 of Lakeville Township. Two Greater Yellowlegs and 3 Baird's Sandpipers observed with 7 x 50 binoculars at 20 yards from car. The Baird's sandpipers still had much of their breeding, summer plummage and the "scaled" look was quite noticeable. One student remarked that they appeared to have yellow on the back. An unremarkable observation, but I think that this is an early date for the sandpiper and ties the early date for the Yellowlegs seen 9 years ago at Hottes Lake, 5 miles away.

11 July--Immature Golden Eagle near Freda Haffner Kettlehole. I did not get a good, positive look. I saw a Falconiform take off about 75 yards down the road while driving. By the time that I got my binoculars up, all I could discern was the mottled brown back with gold flecks and the eagle wing profile. - P.S. I just got a glimpse of white patches at a distance.

Hope that some of this helps. Take care,

Sincerely,