

Summer Bird Report for NW Iowa  
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Meteorological conditions:

Unlike the rest of Iowa, NW Iowa experienced drier than normal weather. However the rain was well dispersed and timely so that the crops and vegetation have done very well. Nestling losses due to black fly attacks were probably much less this year.

Sightings:

Ruby throated Hummingbird- 2, June 5 Orange City

Ovenbird- 1 June 11 Orange city

Blue Crossbeak- 1 June 8 , 2 miles east of Orange City  
1 July 20, 3 miles west of Orange City

Sedge Wren- 2 a nesting pair seen July 20 near O.C.

Lesser Yellowlegs- first seen July 10 Sioux-Preme Pack lagoons  
near Sioux Center

Solitary Sandpiper-1 July 16 Sioux-Preme lagoons

Pectoral Sandpiper- 15, July 16 S.P. lagoons

Semipalmated Sandpiper- 2, July 16 S.P. lagoons

Black Tern- 6 July 16 S.P. lagoons

General Observations: Woodduck nesting and Kestrels appeared especially abundant.

Comments: I have relocated to Newton, Ia and therefore unable to make the observations that I would like or to make anything more than a cursory report.

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