

Spring 1986 field reports, Jim Dinsmore

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American Bittern--singles at Larson M, Story Co on 16 Apr, Doolittle Prairie on 19 Apr, and Long Pond on 4 May

Cattle Egret--1 seen at Iowa Arboretum (near Luther, Boone Co) on 22 April (fide Peter VanderLinden) and 7 seen near Eldora on 26 Apr (fide George Brown)

Cinnamon Teal--one male at Anderson L on 31 March (documentation attached)

Yellow Rail--singles at Rathbun WMA, Appanoose Co on 19 April (fide Roger Sedlacek, bird seen well) and at Doolittle Prairie on 27 Apr (fide John Mayfield, a good birder; I saw two with him there in 1985)

Eastern Screech-Owl--feathered young were found in a downed tree in Story Co on 23 Apr (fide Russell Meiners), seems early to have young so far along

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher--one seen and photographed in Boone County 3 mi nw of Gilbert on 27 April by Given Harper who is doing special bird study near Ames with others in our department

Purple Martin--where are they, I have only seen one all spring and others have seen few in this area

Marsh Wren--one at Doolittle Prairie on 19 Apr is 2nd earliest date

Black-throated Green Warbler--a male seen and photographed in Ames on 8 Apr is 2nd earliest date (fide Burt Shephard), I saw the photo, it identified the bird

Brown Thrasher - 1 in Ames 6 April - tie 2nd earliest date

Pine Siskin - still common in Ames through mid May