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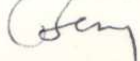
James J. Dinsmore
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Dear Jim,

I've enclosed my summer report. Somehow, I missed the August 1 date, but I thought you might be interested in the highlights anyway.

Hope your sabbatical was a good one. I ran into Steve one morning and he seemed to certainly have enjoyed his summer.

Sincerely,



Bery Engebretsen

Great Blue Heron: the Saylorville colony has re-established itself north of the old site. At least twenty nests were active, and almost all fledged one to three young by June 18.

Yellow-crowned Night heron: this species was once again present along 26th street south of Saylorville throughout the summer. Immature had not yet appeared at the time of this writing. I still am unable to find a nest though I spent several hours searching.

Wood Duck: numerous broods were hatched throughout the Saylorville area.

Cooper's Hawk: at least two fledged young were present in the same area as the last two year's successful nest on July 27

Spotted Sandpiper: common along the shores of the lake.

Common Tern: one immature and three adults were present on Oak Grove Beach on July 12.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: common along the west shore of the lake.

Pileated Woodpecker: continues to be present in the vicinity of the heron colony.

Willow Flycatcher: common in the shelter belts near Big Creek.

Bluebird: families are all over the area, thanks to the Corp's nest box program.

Veery: I could find none after the spring migration where they have been present the last few summers.

Wood Thrush: only one was present in a two mile stretch on the west side where three could be found in June of 86 and seven were found in 85.

Loggerhead Shrike: a pair was present throughout June along 26th st.

Bell's Vireo: common in the Big Creek shelter belts.

Prothonotary Warbler: found in five different locations south of 66th st along the river on June 18.

Yellow-throated Warbler: a singing male was present in the Sycamores near the heron colony on June 18.

Cerulean Warbler: five males on June 12, near the Cooper's nest. (usual location)

Prothonotary Warbler: two pairs near the heron colony.

Real start: singing male along the river, south of heron colony on June 18th
Ovenbird: seven were singing within a mile north of Lake View on June 12th, similar to the number in this area last year.

Louisiana Waterthrush: one pair north of Lake View June 15.

Kentucky Warbler: one singing north of Lake View on May 24 could not be located later.

Chat: a pair was present on the East side of the lake near Big Creek from May 16 through June 18.

Orchard Oriole: a pair carrying nest material on June 6 in the same area as the Chats.

Yellow-headed Blackbird: three were present on the pot-hole on Red Feather Prairie on June 6.

Scarlet Tanager: four were present north of Lake View

Dickcissel: very common

Grasshopper Sparrow: common throughout the area this summer.