

SD
Two Carolina Wrens and a nest w/5 young in Boone Co. on 11 May (Eric Munson)

Spring 1988

Common Loon- F-1 on 18-28 Mar at Ames (Paul Sleeper fide SD); P-12 on 9 Apr (+MPr, +RKM) and 11 on 11 May (+JJD) at Saylorville; L-1 on 22 May at Saylorville (+AF)

Horned Grebe- F-1 in basic plumage on 8 Mar at Saylorville (seen well-short, thick bill and flat crown eliminated Eared Grebe); P-4 on 12 Apr at Saylorville (+MPr, +RKM)

Red-necked Grebe-1 on 12 Apr at Saylorville-(very large, big-headed grebe-heavy, dull yellow bill, white crescent on cheek, reddish foreneck, and grebe profile seen well)

Eared Grebe-1 on 27 Mar at Oakland, Pottawatomie Co.; 2-4 on 29 Mar-19 Apr at Big Creek; 1 on 26 Apr at Slater (+GBr); 1 on 1 May at Big Wall L. (+MPr); 6 on 15 May at Saylorville; 1 on 17 May at Big Creek; 1 on 22 May at Big Wall L. (+AF)

American White Pelican-16 on 11 Mar at Red Rock Res.; 4 on 24 Mar at Saylorville; P-800 on 9 Apr at Bays Branch (+MPr)

Double-crested Cormorant- F-8 on 22 Mar at Saylorville; P-1300 on 17 Apr at Saylorville

Great Egret- F-1 on 29 Mar at Saylorville; P-9 on 23 Apr at Saylorville (+AF)

Cattle Egret-*1 on 27 Mar at Willow Sl.; 1 on 8 May at Bays Branch; 3 on 27 May at IFL Ponds (+JJD)

Black-crowned Night-Heron- F-2 on 27 Mar at Willow Sl. (1 ad. and 1 younger bird-adult unmistakable, immature identified by yellowish bill, heavily streaked underparts, and relatively short legs); P-38 on 10 May at Big Wall L. (+GB)

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron-1 ad. on 6 May at Brenton Sl.; 2 ad. on 10 May at Ledges (+GB); 1 ad. on 15 May at Saylorville

Tundra Swan-1 on 17 Mar at Hendrickson M.; 12 on 2 Apr at Waterloo (Scott LaCrosse fide SD); 15 on 12 Apr at State Center (Dorothy Maish fide SD)

Greater White-fronted Goose-1500 on 17 Mar at Hendrickson M.; 2100 on 18 Mar at Saylorville

Snow Goose-10,000 on 11 Mar at Red Rock Res.; 15,000 on 19 Mar at Lakin's Sl. (+m.ob.)

Ross' Goose-5 on 6 Mar at Riverton W.A. (+BB, +RS); 13 on 11 Mar at Red Rock Res.; 1 on 15, 18 Mar at Big Creek; *2 on 16 Mar (+BB), 6 on 18 Mar (+BE), and 3 on 20 Mar (+JSi) at Saylorville; 9 on 17 Mar at Hendrickson M. (+m.ob.); 4+ on 17 Mar at Bays Branch (+m.ob.); 1 on 27 Mar at Oakland, Pottawatomie Co.; *1 on 6-22 May at Bays Branch (+RKM, +JJD, +AF)-(all were with Snow Geese and were identified by the small size and stubbier, more triangular-shaped bill with warty protrubances)

Canada Goose-nests or broods were at Big Creek (5+ broods), Dunbar Slough (5-7 nests), SW Hamilton Co., a farm pond in Greene Co., Polk City W.A. (2 broods), Brenton Sl., a farm pond n. of Polk City, and at Blue L., Monona Co.; a brood of week-old young was at Lakin Sl. on 24 Apr (+BB)

Mallard X Northern Pintail-a duck with the head and breast of a male Mallard and the tail, rump, and wings of a male N. Pintail was at Big Creek on 5 Apr

Blue-winged Teal- F-1 male on 6 Mar at Willow Sl. (+BB)

Canvasback- P-2200 on 13 Mar at Saylorville (+PM)

Ring-necked Duck- P-8900 on 18 Mar at Saylorville

Greater Scaup-up to 28 on 2-20 Mar at Saylorville (+m.ob.); 4 on 6 Mar

at Riverton W.A. (+BB,+RS); 4 on 6 Mar at Willow Sl. (+BB); 2 on 9 Mar and 7 on 31 Mar at Little Wall L.; 19 on 11 Mar at Red Rock Res.; 2 on 13 Mar (+PM) and 5 on 2 Apr at Slater; 11 on 15-19 Mar, 18 on 5 Apr, and 2 on 7 Apr at Big Creek (+m.ob.); 11 on 17 Mar (+MPr) and 2 on 31 Mar at Hendrickson M.; 5 on 27 Mar at Prairie Rose S.P.; *1,2 females on 17,22 May at Big Creek (+AF)

Oldsquaw-1 imm. male on 3,8 Mar at Saylorville (+BB); a pair on 12-22 Mar at Saylorville (+BE,+PM); *a female on 29 Apr at Saylorville (+EuA,+ElA) was probably the same bird that was at Big Creek through 3 May (+m.ob.)

Common Goldeneye- L-1 female on 24-25 May at IPL Ponds

Bufflehead- L-1 female on 22 May at Big Creek (+AF) (seen well at very close range)

Common Merganser- P-8360 on 18 Mar at Saylorville

Red-breasted Merganser- F-4 on 2 Mar at Saylorville; P-133 on 22 Mar at Saylorville and 149 on 2 Apr at Red Rock Res (+JSi); L-1 female on 20 May at Union Sl. NWR

Ruddy Duck- F-6 on 2 Mar at Saylorville

Osprey- F-2 on 3 Apr at Saylorville

Bald Eagle-134(55 ad. and 79 imm.) on 11 Mar at Red Rock Res.; 48(14 ad. and 34 imm.) on 18 Mar at Saylorville; 1 ad. on 30 Apr at Hendrickson M.

Red-shouldered Hawk-1 on 18,20 Mar at Polk City (+BE)

Broad-winged Hawk- F-1 on 18 Apr at Saylorville; P-34 on 30 Apr in Story Co.

Swainson's Hawk-1 on 22 May at Big Wall L. (+AF)

Golden Eagle-1 imm. on 19 Mar at Polk City (+AB) (a very large raptor, obviously an eagle-bird was entirely dark except for a very neat white patch at the base of the primaries on each wing and a white basal third of the tail, sharply separated from the rest of the tail-wings held in dihedral)

Merlin-1 male on 20 Mar at Sheldahl (small falcon, dark gray above and light below with dark streaks on the underparts, long tail with alternating dark and light bands)

Peregrine Falcon-1 ad. on 3 Apr at Saylorville; 1 ad. on 23 Apr at Saylorville (+AF,+BE); 1 ad. was eating a Tree Swallow on 26 Apr at Big Creek (+GB); 2 ad. on 15 May at Saylorville, one of which was seen to catch a White-rumped Sandpiper- (all were adults and were identified by large size, lack of dark axillars, and by the dark "hood")

Virginia Rail- P-6 on 1 May at Big Wall L. (+MPr)

Sora- F-1 on 1 Apr at Doolittle Prairie (flushed by my dog-short, yellowish bill and rail shape seen well); P-58 on 1 May at Big Wall L. (+MPr)

Common Moorhen-1 on 20 May at Union Sl. NWR; 1 on 22 May at Anderson L. (+AF)

Sandhill Crane-1 ad. on 15 Mar at Big Creek (+BE)- (identified by general profile, gray body color, red crown, and by the rattling call)

Black-bellied Plover-2 on 15 May at Saylorville; 1 on 22 May at Bays Branch (+AF); 2 on 26 May at Blue L. (+JJD); 2 on 27 May at Saylorville

Lesser Golden-Plover- F-3 on 22 Mar at Big Creek (lack of dark axillars eliminated Blk-bellied); 23 on 27 Mar at Riverton W.A. (+RS); P-1000 on 10 May at Big Wall L. (+GB)

Semipalmated Plover- F-3 on 20 Apr at Hendrickson M. (+HZ); P-68 on 10 May at Bays Branch (+GB)

Snowy Plover-*1 on 6 May at Bays Branch (+m.ob.); *1 on 22 May at Dunbar Sl. (+AF)

Piping Plover-1 on 23 Apr, 2 on 8 May, and 1 on 12 May at Saylorville; 2 nests were at IPL Ponds in late May
American Avocet-1 on 13 May at Dunbar Sl. (+AF)
Greater Yellowlegs-*1 on 6 Mar at Riverton W.A. (+BB,+RS,+B&LPa)
Lesser Yellowlegs- F-1 on 22 Mar at Saylorville (with greater-short, straight bill seen well)
Solitary Sandpiper- F-1 on 7 Apr at Hendrickson M. (seen and heard well); L-1 on 22 May in SW Greene Co. (+AF)
Willet- F-18 on 23 Apr at Saylorville (+AF,+BE)
Upland Sandpiper-14 on 8 May in SW Greene Co.
Hudsonian Godwit- F-9 on 20 Apr at Hendrickson M. (+HZ); F-284 on 10 May in Greene Co. (+GB)
Marbled Godwit-11 on 9 Apr at Saylorville (+MPR,+RKM); 4 on 10 Apr at Saylorville; 2 on 17 Apr at Saylorville; 4 on 24 Apr at Bays Branch (+BB); 1 on 24 Apr at McCord Pond (+BB); 1 on 29 Apr at Saylorville; 1 on 10 May at Dunbar Sl. (+GB); 6 on 15 May at Saylorville; 2 on 17 May at Saylorville-(all birds were identified by large size, cinnamon wing linings, and dark rump)
Ruddy Turnstone-1 on 8 May at McCord Pond; 1 on 11 May at Saylorville (+JJD); 4 on 15 May at Saylorville
Sanderling-1 on 26 May at Blue L. (+JJD)
Semipalmated Sandpiper-*1 on 27 Mar at Riverton W.A. (+RS); 2 on 13 Apr at Hendrickson M.; F-419 on 15 May at Saylorville
Western Sandpiper-4 in nearly alt. plumage on 6 May at Bays Branch (+RKM) (heard "jeep-jeep" call)
Least Sandpiper- F-3 on 26 Mar at Hendrickson M.; 16 on 27 Mar at Riverton W.A. (+RS)-(all were small, brownish peeps with yellow legs)
White-rumped Sandpiper- F-420 on 24 May in Fremont Co.
Baird's Sandpiper- F-3 on 25 Mar at Saylorville; 1 on 26 Mar at Hendrickson M.; 104 on 27 Mar at Riverton W.A. (+RS); F-116 on 15 May at Saylorville
Pectoral Sandpiper- F-1 on 6 Mar at Riverton W.A. (+BB) (a chunky shorebird, smaller than a Killdeer, necklace seen well, yellowish legs, heard the "kreep" call); 200 on 27 Mar at Riverton W.A. (+RS); F-574 on 15 May at Saylorville
Dunlin- F-147 on 15 May at Saylorville
Stilt Sandpiper- F-1 on 13 Apr at Hendrickson M. (in breeding pl.-barred underparts, rusty cheek, somewhat long, drooped bill, and pale yellow legs seen well); F-31 on 10 May at Bays Branch (+GB); L-1 on 26 May at Blue L. (+JJD)
Short-billed Dowitcher- F-2 in almost full alt. plumage said "tu-tu-tu" on 26 Apr in NE Boone Co.; F-135 on 10 May in Greene Co. (+GB)
Long-billed Dowitcher- F-2 in basic plumage on 26,31 Mar at Hendrickson M. (called "kek" when flushed); 6 on 27 Mar at Bays Branch ("kek" call heard)
Wilson's Phalarope- F-138 on 10 May in Guthrie Co. (+GB)
Franklin's Gull-1 on 6 Mar at Lake Manawa (+BB,+RS); F-250 on 11 May at Saylorville (+JJD)
Bonaparte's Gull- F-416 were counted one by one on 18 Apr at Saylorville; 356 on 29 Apr at Saylorville; L-1 imm. on 22 May at Saylorville (+AF)
Caspian Tern- F-1 on 19 Apr at Saylorville (seen well-large, blood red bill, black crest); F-53 on 12 May at Saylorville and 77 on 24 May at Forney L.
Common Tern-3 on 26 Apr (+GB), 2 on 8 May, 4 on 10 May (+GB), 2 on 11

May, 5 on 15 May, 2 on 17 May at Saylorville(all had dark primaries)
Forster's Tern- P-114 on 26 Apr at Saylorville(+GB)
Least Tern-at least 8 birds were at the IPL Ponds in late May(+JJD); 2
on 24 May near Nebraska City; 1 on 25 May at DeSoto NWR; 1 on 25 May
at Lake Manawa; 1 on 27 May at Big Creek(adult, seen well-noted yellow
bill, white forehead, dark primaries)
Black Tern- F-1 on 29 Apr at Saylorville(+EuA,+EIA); P-300 on 10 May
at Saylorville(+GB)
Burrowing Owl-1 on 10 May in Dallas Co.(+GB)(a small, long-legged owl
perched on a fencepost-legs longer than tail, no ear tufts, white
chin, distinctive bobbing behavior seen well)
Long-eared Owl- L-2 on 10 Apr at Saylorville
Short-eared Owl-2 on 9 Mar at Teig's M.; 1 thr. 19 Mar at Big
Creek(+PM)
N. Saw-whet Owl-1 on 19 Mar at Big Creek
Chimney Swift- F-1 on 13 Apr at Hendrickson M.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher-1 on 22 May at Big Wall L.(+AF); 1 on 23 May
in Pottawatomie Co.-(both identified by "chu-wee" call)
Alder Flycatcher- P-6 on 22 May at Ledges(+AF); 1 on 25 May at DeSoto
NWR-(all identified by "fee-bee-o" call)
Eastern Phoebe- F-1 on 22 Mar at Saylorville
Western Kingbird-3 on 24 May in Fremont Co.
Tree Swallow- F-4 on 22 Mar at Saylorville
Northern Mockingbird-1 on 3 May s. of Slater; 1 on 10 May at
Saylorville(+GB)
Water Pipit- F-1 on 11 Mar at Big Creek; P-44 on 27 Mar at Riverton
W.A.(+RS); 14 on 17 Apr at Saylorville; 1 on 10 May at Bays
Branch(+GB)
Northern Shrike-1 ad. on 20 Mar at Big Creek(+JSi)(large, hooked bill,
white rump, and incomplete mask seen well)
White-eyed Vireo-1 on 17 May at Saylorville
Bell's Vireo- F-1 on 3 May at Big Creek-not seen, but heard for
several minutes in area where they nest
Warbling Vireo- F-2 on 29 Apr at Big Creek
Golden-winged Warbler- L-1 on 22 May at Ledges(+AF)
Cape May Warbler-1 on 12 May at Hendrickson M.; 1 on 15 May at Ledges
Yellow-throated Warbler- F-1 on 12 Apr at Ledges; 4 on 15 May at
Ledges(+AF)
Prothonotary Warbler-3 on 24 May at Riverton W.A.
Connecticut Warbler-1 on 22 May at Saylorville(+AF)
Mourning Warbler- P-9 on 15 May in Boone Co.(+AF)
Hooded Warbler-1 on 15 May at Ledges
Yellow-breasted Chat-1 on 15 May in Boone Co.; 1 on 17,22,27 May at
Saylorville(+AF)
Blue Grosbeak-in late May, birds were seen in Fremont, Mills,
Pottawatomie, Harrison, and Monona counties; F-11 on 24 May in Fremont
Co.
Chipping Sparrow- F-2 on 27 Mar at Riverton W.A.(+RS)(both in breeding
plumage-I have several photos)
Clay-colored Sparrow-7 on 10 May at Big Wall L.(+GB)
LeConte's Sparrow-1 on 1 Apr at Doolittle Prairie
Smith's Longspur-17 on 5 Apr in Polk Co.(5 males and 12
females-watched for 20 min. along roadside, males unmistakable,
females identified by call and white shoulder patch)
Lapland Longspur-none seen or heard all spring!
Yellow-headed Blackbird- F-16 on 9 Apr at 3 Greene Co. locations(+MPr)

Brewer's Blackbird-2 on 6 Mar e. of Malvern(+BB)(2 medium-sized blackbirds, male was glossy and shorter tailed than a grackle, female was grayish brown all over and had a dark eye)

Pine Siskin-several were still on the ISU campus in Ames in late May

other observers: Eloise Armstrong(EIA), Eugene Armstrong(EuA), Bart Ballard(BB), Ann Barker(AB), Gordon Brown(GB), Jim Dinsmore(JJD), Bery Engebretsen(BE), Andy Fix(AF), Paul Martsching(PM), Bob Myers(RKM), Babs Pedalford(BPa), Loren Padelford(LPa), Mark Proescholdt(MPr), Doug Reeves(DR), Ross Silcock(RS), Jim Sinclair(JSi), Hank Zaletel(HZ)