

SCP = Squaw Creek Park
 PCR = Pleasant Creek Reservoir
 MB = Matsell Bridge
 CR = Corralville Reservoir

Field Check List

Date MAR-MAY
 Weather 1987

Time _____
 Locality _____
 CM = Cone Marsh
 OC = Otter Creek Marsh
 SL = Swan Lake
 CL = Cedar Lake
 MS = Muskrat Slough

Observers Pete Wickham

Total Species _____

LOONS

Common

GREBS

Horned
 Eared
 Western⁺
 Pied-billed 3/8 - end of period
 (Common CONE MARSH)
 max 12 on 5-7

PELICANS

White

CORMORANTS

Double-crested first 4/7 (early)
 OC M.

HERONS, BITTERNS

Great Blue 3/21 (CR), on.
 Green first 4/29
 Little Blue⁺
 Cattle Egret⁺
 Great Egret first 4/17,
 max 11, 5/9.
 Snowy Egret⁺
 Black-crowned Night 4/29-5/15
 Yellow-crowned Night [OC]
 Least Bittern 5/9, 5/15, OC
 American Bittern 2 5/9 (1) Fide

SWANS

Whistling⁺ Fred Thomp-
 son.

GREBE

Canada a number of breeding
 pairs remain -
 White-fronted increasing.
 Snow

DUCKS

Mallard
 Black 3/8(2), CM; 3/27(2), CM
 Gadwall first 3/8, CM(20)
 Pintail 3/8, CM(60), last 4-7
 Amer. Green-winged Teal 3/8, CM-4/29,
 OC, max 86, 3/14, OC
 Blue-winged Teal 3/14, OC - end
 Cinnamon Teal⁺ max 60, 3/27
 American Wigeon 3/8, CM-5/7 SL
 Northern Shoveler 3/14, OC-5/9, OC
 Wood 3/8, CM on (max 150, 3/21)
 Redhead 3/5, CL, only a few seen.
 Ring-necked first migrants 3/8, CM;
 Canvasback first 2/28, CR (1000);
 max 750 4/4, MS
 Lesser Scaup
 Common Goldeneye (last 4/4, MS)
 Buffhead see over. last 4-7, OC
 Oldsquaw⁺
 Ruddy 3/21, CR - 4/9, OC
 Hooded Merganser 3/14(4); OC
 Common Merganser last 4/7, OC
 Red-breasted Merganser

VULTURES, HAWKS

Turkey Vulture 4/18 on...
 Osprey⁺
 Sharp-shinned
 Cooper's 3/21(1), CR
 Red-tailed throughout
 Red-shouldered⁺
 Broad-winged 5/9(1); 5/12(1).
 Swainson's
 Rough-legged
 Golden Eagle⁺
 Bald Eagle max 10 on 3/14, OC
 (last 4/7)
 Marsh
 Osprey only one 4-29, OC
 Peregrine Falcon⁺
 Merlin⁺
 American Kestrel throughout

GROUSE, QUAIL, PHEASANTS

Ruffed Grouse
 Bobwhite first heard 5/15
 Ring-necked Pheasant
 Gray Partridge

TURKEYS

Turkey becoming more & more
 common.

CRANES, RAILS, COOTS

King Rail
 Virginia Rail 5/9, OC (1) only
 one
 Sora 4/29, OC-5/15, OC
 Common Gallinule
 American Coot 3/8 on, max
 1500 MS 4/4.

PELOIDS

Semipalmated 5/9(40), 5/15(60)
 Piping⁺
 Killdeer common throughout
 American Golden 5/9(50).
 Black-bellied
 Ruddy Turnstone

SANDPIPERS, etc.

American Woodcock 3/8, CM, on.
 Common Snipe first 2/7, CM
 Whimbrel⁺ (wintering)
 Upland 5/7(2); 5/15(3)
 Spotted 5/7, CR on, max 8
 Solitary 4/29, OC (15) - 5/9.
 Willet
 Greater Yellowlegs 3/27-5/9
 Lesser Yellowlegs 4/7-5/15
 Pectoral first 3/7, CM-very early.
 White-rumped 5/9(3); 5/15(4).
 Baird's 5/9(12)
 Least 5/7(5); 5/9(50); 5/15(80)
 Dunlin 5/15(1), OC
 Long-billed Dowitcher 5/9(50)
 Sift
 Semipalmated 5/9(2), 5/15(3)
 Western⁺
 Buff-breasted⁺
 Marbled Godwit⁺
 Hudsonian Godwit 5/9(1), CR
 Sanderling
 American Avocet⁺
 Wilson's Phalarope
 Northern Phalarope

GULLS

Herring last seen early Mar.
 Ring-billed last May 9, CR,
 max 100 3/21.
 Franklin's
 Bonaparte's 3/23, CL-5/9, CR
 max 9 on 4/7, CR

TERNs

Forster's 4/10, CL(2), very early
 Common [to 5/15, PCR]
 Least
 Caspian 5/6(1); 5/9(1)
 Black 5/15(2), PCR

DOVES

Rock Dove
 Mourning

CUCKOOS

Yellow-billed first 5/15, MB
 Black-billed first 5/10, SCP

OWLS

Barn⁺
 Screech
 Great Horned
 Snowy⁺
 Barred
 Long-eared
 Short-eared
 Saw-whet

GOATSUCKERS, etc.

Chuck-will's-widow
 Whip-poor-will
 Common Nighthawk first 5-9
 Chimney Swift first 4-28
 Ruby-thr. Hummingbird first 5-15
 Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS

Common Flicker
 Pileated several seen or heard
 Red-bellied
 Red-headed first 4/30
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3/27-
 4/11
 Hairy
 Downy

FLYCATCHERS

Eastern Kingbird 5/6, CR on...
 Western Kingbird⁺
 Great Crested 5/7, CR on...
 Eastern Phoebe first 3/27
 Yellow-bellied⁺ only one, 5-30
 Acadian first 5-75 (SCP)
 Willow first 5-27-seemed
 Least first 5-10, Sep late
 Eastern Wood Pewee first 5-9
 Olive-sided only one 5/27, SCP

LARKS, SWALLOWS

Horned Lark
 Tree 3/27 (early); CM, on.
 Bank 5/15 first, MB
 Rough-winged 4/18 on
 Barn 4/29 on...
 Cliff 4/22 (Cedar Rapids) on.
 Purple Martin first 4/17

JAYS, CROWS

Blue Jay
 Common Crow

TITMICE

Black-capped Chickadee
 Tufted Titmouse

NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS

White-breasted Nuthatch
 Red-breasted Nuthatch
 Brown Creeper first 3/27

WEEBIES

House first 4/29
 Winter last 4/18 (singing)
 Bewick's⁺
 Carolina
 Long-billed Marsh 5-9 on (OC)
 Short-billed Marsh 5-9 on,
 max 30 5/9.

MIMICS

Mockingbird
 Gray Catbird 5-8 on...
 Brown Thrasher 4-20 on...

THRUSHES

American Robin
 Wood first 5/9
 Hermit missed it!
 Swainson's 5/9-5/29
 Gray-cheeked 5/9-5/15
 Veery 5/15 on...
 Eastern Bluebird definitely
 more common this year.

GRATCATCHERS, KINGLETS

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 5/9 on...
 Golden-crowned Kinglet over
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet 4/18 to
 5/10

PIPITS, WAXWINGS

Water Pipit
 Bohemian Waxwing⁺
 Cedar Waxwing erratically
 observed.

SHEIKES

Northern⁺
 Loggerhead

STARLINGS

Starling

VIREOS

White-eyed⁺ one 5/31, MB
 Bell's first 5/12, SCP
 Yellow-throated first 5/9
 Solitary
 Red-eyed first 5/9
 Philadelphia⁺
 Warbling first 4/29, OC

WARBLERS

very few
 Black-and-white 5/10-5/23
 Prothonotary 5/10(2), 5/15
 Worm-eating⁺ (1)
 Golden-winged
 Blue-winged 5/10 on; few
 Tennessee 5/6 on
 Orange-crowned
 Nashville 4/30-5/12
 Northern Parula 5/10(1)
 Yellow 4/29 on →
 Magnolia 5/9-5/27
 Cape May
 Black-throated Blue⁺
 Yellow-rumped relatively
 few
 Black-throated Green
 Corvina 5-10 5-9(2)
 Blackburnian on 5-15(1)
 Chestnut-sided only one
 5/15
 Bay-breasted
 Blackpoll → over
 Pine⁺
 Palm 4/30(4); 5/10(1)
 Ovenbird 5/9 on...
 Northern Waterthrush →
 Louisiana Waterthrush →
 Kentucky 5/9 on...
 Connecticut⁺
 Mourning only one, 5/30
 Common Yellowthroat 5/7
 Yellow-breasted Chat on
 Hooded⁺ none →
 Wilson's only one 5/23
 Canada 5/30(1); 5/29
 American Redstart (1)
 WEAVER FINCHES → 5/9 on...
 House Sparrow
 BLACKBIRDS
 Bobolink first 5/7
 Eastern Meadowlark 3/8 on
 Western Meadowlark 3/8 on
 Yellow-headed 4/29, OC
 Red-winged on...
 Orchard Oriole one 5/30
 Northern Oriole [SCP]
 Rusty - 5/6 on.
 Brewster's only one 3/14,
 Common Grackle [OC(2)]
 Brown-headed Cowbird

TANAGERS

Scarlet 5/9 on...
 Summer

FINCHES, SPARROWS

Cardinal
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak first
 Blue Grosbeak⁺ 5/6
 Indigo Bunting first 5/9
 Dickcissel first 5/9
 Evening Grosbeak⁺
 Purple Finch
 Common Redpoll
 Pine Siskin
 American Goldfinch
 Red Crossbill
 White-winged Crossbill
 Rufous-sided Towhee first
 Savannah first 4-30
 Grasshopper first 5/9
 LeConte's⁺ → over
 Henslow's⁺
 Sharp-tailed⁺
 Vesper first 4/11
 Lark
 Dark-eyed Junco
 Tree
 Chipping first 4/13
 Clay-colored one 5/10,
 SCP
 Field
 Harris'
 White-crowned only one 5/15
 White-throated last 5/15
 Fox 3/27-4/11
 Lincoln's only one, 5/10
 Swamp 3/8 on...
 Song
 Leland Longspur over →
 Snow Bunting

Mr. Myers: Hope this is not too late for your report. Let me know of any confusing items or those which need more documentation.

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Buttlehead: first 3-5, Pleasant Creek; last 4-17, Coralville Res.

Common Snipe: seemed more abundant than usual this spring: 20, CM, 3/27; 25, CM, 4/11 were examples.

Short-billed Dowitcher: 5/9, Coralville area (15); 5/15, Coralville area (3)

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1 very late, on 5-12, Squaw Creek Park - bird was singing, good view of striped crown; yellow stripe, greenish wings & back, clear white underparts and fluttering behavior obtained.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: first 5/9; max 8 on 5/15

Blackpoll Warbler: 5/9-5/15

Rain No. Water-thrush: 4/29 (oc) - 5/9 (also oc)

Louisiana

" " = first 4/18, Palisades-Dows Preserve

Yellow-br. Chat: first 5/12, SCP. also, 5/15, Matsell Bridge.

Le Conte's Sparrow: at least 5 were seen in a grassy field in the Cone Marsh area on 4/11. Keith Carris was along on this trip also. Short tails, much yellower color and (on three) the yellow on the side of neck and face was noted. Heard in both areas again on 5/30 and 5/31

Lapland Longspur: On 3/27, I saw a flock of at least 1000 in a field next to Cone Marsh... Actually, there were probably several thousand in the field, but it was impossible to figure out how many. I can say that I put the telescope on birds on the ground in this big group, and could easily count 50 in the scope field in any of numerous areas.

Smith's Longspur: On 3/31, I returned to the Cone Marsh area, and saw (actually walked out into) a big flock of Smith's Longspur. These birds were in an old hay-field SW of the field where the other longspurs were. In flight, it was easy to distinguish these longspurs from the Laplands because of the striking white sides to the tail (like a Vesper sparrow). Call notes were more of a "tick tick" nature -- not as harsh as the Lapland call notes. When they landed in the grass, they seemed to disappear -- just like mice. Some sat up on top of some haystacks, though, and I could see the finely striped crowns, the white wing stripe, the faint streaking underneath [on the sides] and the buffy coloration. All seemed in winter plumage. There were still a few Laplands left -- maybe 100 or so -- they seemed to be segregated in another part of the same field.

Yellow-throated Warbler: 1 seen - singing incessantly - in some tall trees (both pines and deciduous) in Ellis Park, Cedar Rapids, 5/10 and 5/11.

House Finch: 2 males observed in our neighborhood in Cedar Rapids on 5/17 and 5/18. One of these sang quite frequently. The bright red around the head and rump, and streakiness of the birds, together with the slimmer bill than the Purple Finch, were obvious.

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