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As I was only home a few weeks before leaving for New Orleans this will be a short report.

Herons - practically none except a few green headed mergansers - 2 immatures June 9

ruddy duck - 1 adult male June 23

hawks - almost none - only 1 redtail, 1 broadwing & no others

cuckoos - very scarce but very common in Missouri along the highway

owls - none

hummingbird - none

eastern kingbird fewer than last year

peewee - has deserted a number of old nesting areas, less common.

house wren - very abundant

bluebird - normal with lots of young

warbling - above normal

bell's vireo - above normal

yellow-throated & red-eyed vireos - very scarce

redstart - rare - only 2

ovenbird - rare - only 1

bobolink - still increasing & spreading to new areas

orchard & baltimore orioles - very common, baltimore is abundant

chipping sparrow - scarce none in my neighborhood

Most birds seem to be scarce except for the
isticids and a few others such as the house
wren. In the case of the wrens our group
alone had 146 (mostly singing males) on the
nesting census. Each year there seem to
be fewer birds and more species are
affected. Birding in Des Moines is definitely
getting poorer.

Hope this helps

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