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Climate & habitat summary: June and July in NW Iowa were warm and humid, but with below average precipitation. Many wetlands were dry, or nearly so, but all wetland and upland vegetation growth was good, making for excellent nesting habitat for many species. Shallow waters also attracted larger-than-normal numbers of pelicans, egrets, herons, etc., for easy fishing.			
Am. White Pelican	500+	June-July	Grovers & Hottes Lakes, W. of Big Spirit, Dickinson Co. Found one dumped egg near Grovers Lake.
Great Egret	8	June-July	Hottes Lake, W. of Big Spirit, Dickinson Co. First time I've seen this species stay all summer.
Bl.-crowned Night Heron	"many"	June-July	Hottes Lake, Jemmerson Slough, Silver Lake wetlands Sandbar Slough, other areas. Did not look for nests due to lack of time, but almost certainly nesting in several sites this year.
Upland Sandpiper	2	6/14	In nest defense displays, at Spring Run Wildlife Area, Dickinson Co.
Red'headed Woodpecker	"many"	June-July	These birds are the most abundant I've ever seen in over 17 years. Similar reports from public.
Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker	1	7/25	Lone female at Gitchie Manitou State Preserve, Lyon County.
Yellow-throated Warbler	1	6/6	Kettleson Hogsback Wildlife Area, Dickinson Co. (see attached documentation)
Scarlet Tanager	1	7/12	Singing male observed in Marble Lake Woods, Kettleson Hogsback Wildlife Area, Dickinson Co.

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(JD)-Common Loon	1	6/25	Big Spirit Lake, Dickinson County (also reports from general public of 1-2 thru summer)
(JD)-Bald Eagle	1-ad.	6/24	Prairie Lake (Spring Run Wildlife Area) Dickinson Co. Also public reports of eagle in same area. (very unusual here is summer, tho' common on spring and fall migration)
(DZ)-Whip-poor-will	2+	5/29 & 6/3	Fairview Pond, NW corner of Sioux County. "Several heard, but not sure how many". One or two are usually found in this area annually, but appears to be much more numerous this year.
(RM)Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	1	6/25	SW of Welch Lake, Dickinson Co., Iowa. This is about 3 mi. sw of Kettleson Hogsback area, where same observer and other DNR staff photographed this species in April (at Kettleson Area)--could it be same individual?

Misc. Notes: Great Blue heron nest with 3/young was found just across Minnesota State Line, on Little Spirit Lake--probably within about 300 yards of Iowa--on island with trees. Can't count as Iowa/Dickinson County record, but close!--seen by Alan Duus, of Spirit Lake)