

AFN. Summer 1964

May was warm and dry with extremely strong winds from 6th to 8th, with a gust of 85 mph on the latter. June was consistently cool with a deficit of 2.5° average temp, and 6.5" rain made it the wettest June since 1947. July was average with respect to both temp and precip due to several rains in the first 11 days. First 10 days of August very hot and dry.

An Arctic Loon was at the Impounding Res. for several weeks in early June.

Great Blue Heron - have seen only one since March. Green Herons scarce. It is not known if Yellow-crowns nested here this year. Adults have been seen from early May until 17 June, but no young seen. Few if any Least or American Bitterns here. Have seen none myself.

Occasional pairs of Wood Ducks have been seen during the summer. Four Gadwalls and a Hooded Merganser seen by Helen Peasley at Brenton's Slough in July.

I've seen no Red-shouldered Hawk since the Christmas census, nor any Marsh Hawk since 30 March. Sparrow Hawks fewer. *Doubt if Broad-wings nested where they have been for several years.* At Goose Lake near Jefferson there were several half-grown Common Gallinules on 12 August.

Black-billed Cuckoos are fewer although Yellow-billed are normal.

Hummingbirds, have seen but one all summer.

Eastern Kingbirds appear to have had a very successful nesting season.

Titmice are scarce.

Several Bewick's Wrens have been reported. Usually there is one pair reported as nesting.

There weren't too many Robins seen after the first hatch, but lots now.

Shrikes seem down.

Very few Red-eyed and Yellow-throated Vireos which are usually common.

Yellow Warblers were up, and Ovenbirds down. A pair of Cerulean, probably nesting at Ledges State Park on 20 June.

Bobolinks, more than usual and lots of Baltimore Orioles. Grackles numerous in town.

Only 1 pair Summer Tanagers found with no nest or young. Last year at least four nests. No Scarlet seen.

Towhees unusually scarce again this year as last year.

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