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GENERAL TRENDS

The waterfowl migration was prolonged and spectacular, in regard to number of individuals and species found; 16 duck species were seen at Cardinal Marsh on both 14 and 25 April.

Landbird migration was lackluster with some supposedly common species of warblers missed and no waves noted.

SPECIES DATA

All Effigy Mounds National Monument (EMNM) records are from Allamakee County. Winneshiek County localities include Cardinal Marsh, Decorah, and Lake Meyer County Park near Colmar.

Common Loon: 3 were on Lake Cornelia, Wright Co. on 20 April.

Horned Grebe: 2 were at Decorah on 24 April and 1 at Cardinal Marsh on 25 April.

Eared Grebe: 4 pairs were found at Silver Lake, Worth Co. on 11 May and courtship display was noted.

Western Grebe: 2 were at Silver Lake, Worth Co. on 11 May.

Am. White Pelican: 3 were at Cardinal Marsh on 25 April; 26 were at Rice Lake, Worth Co. on 11 and 25 May.

Great Egret: 3 were early at Lansing, Allamakee Co. on 28 March. A spring invasion occurred inland with a peak of 40 at Cardinal Marsh on 25 April. Other records included 9 near Shell Rock, Butler Co. on 20 April;

Great Egret (continued): 5 in Wright Co. on 29 April; and 3 at Webster City, Hamilton Co. on 30 April.

Only one remained at Cardinal Marsh on 20 ~~April~~ May.

Little Blue Heron: An adult was seen at Cardinal Marsh on 1 and 5 May. Mary Jo Hartogh found 2 adults at Cardinal Marsh on 2 May.

Snow Goose: 7 blue phase individuals were at Cardinal Marsh from 25 April to 5 May.

Am. Black Duck: 2 were at Cardinal Marsh on 25 April.

Canvasback: Unusually numerous this spring with a peak of 56 at Cardinal Marsh on 14 April.

Redhead: More records than usual with a peak of 10 at Cardinal Marsh on 14 April.

Ring-necked Duck: Peak was 110 at Cardinal Marsh on 2 April.

Bufflehead: Peak was 15 at Cardinal Marsh on 25 April.

Red-breasted Merganser: More records than usual.

Osprey: 1 at Decorah on 13 April.

Bald Eagle: Peak was 20 (Ad.¹⁰ and 10 Im.) at EMNM on 19 March; an adult was over EMNM on 23 May.

Cooper's Hawk: 2 were at Cardinal Marsh on 25 April and 1 in Allamakee Co. on 9 May.

American Coot: Peak was 800 at Cardinal Marsh on 25 April.

Bonaparte's Gull: 3 were at Cardinal Marsh on 1 May.

Forster's Tern: Peak was 16 at Cardinal Marsh on 1 May.

Common Nighthawk: First at Decorah was 1 on 14 May.

Red-headed Woodpecker: Scarce, missed on most trips.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 at Silver Lake, Worth Co. on 11 May.

Eastern Wood Pewee: First at Decorah was 1 on 15 May.

Tree Swallow: First were 6 at Decorah on 11 April.

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N. Rough-winged Swallow: First were 2 at Decorah on 19 April.

Carolina Wren: 2 were seen and heard at EMNM on 8 April and later in ^{the} period.

Kinglets: Both species were back at Decorah on 6 April.

Hermit Thrush: First was 1 at Decorah on 12 April.

Cedar Waxwing: Scarce with few records.

Solitary Vireo: One at Decorah on 4 May.

Tennessee Warbler: Peak was 12 at Silver Lake, Worth Co. on 11 May.

N. Parula Warbler: 1♂ at EMNM on 6 May.

Cerulean Warbler: 9 were ^(3 seen) singing along the Yellow River at EMNM on 9 May.

Mourning Warbler: 1 at Decorah on 18 May and 2 at Decorah on 26 May.

Wilson's Warbler: First was 1 at EMNM on 6 May and last was 1 at Decorah on 26 May.

Canada Warbler: Singles were at Decorah on 18 and 26 May.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Unusually numerous and widespread.

Chipping Sparrow: First was one at EMNM on 8 April.

Fox Sparrow: First was 1 at Cardinal Marsh on 24 March with a peak of 5 at Cardinal Marsh on 2 April.

Lincoln's Sparrow: 2 in Wright Co. on 29 April.

Red-winged Blackbird: Males were back on territory in Howard and Winneshiek Counties on 1 March; they were absent in the same localities the previous day.

Orchard Oriole: A pair was found in Allamakee Co. on 27 May.

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