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Season: Summer Year: 1991

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Other observers (name, city):

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Earl + Carol Ludwig, Algona

Red Schmidt, Algona

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| I was unable to reach the banks of the Des Moines R. until July 26! A shallow lake complex formed 3 mi. east of West Bend + brought new meaning to the words "flooded fields". This area has been traditionally known as "Goose Lake." Many roads at USNWR were impassable until after July 4th. | | | |
| Eared Grebe | 3 | 6/2 | "Goose Lake" |
| Western Grebe | 2 | until 7/3 | USNWR I believe they left when the water level returned to "normal" the end of June. |
| Pelican | 500 | 6/30 | USNWR buildup started on 7/11! |
| Cormorant | 120+ | 6/30 | " " buildup started on about 6/11 |
| nest-building commenced in the trees N. of Headqu. 2nd week of July apparent egg-laying + incubation possibly a failed colony in Minn. brought these and Egrets? <u>10 nests</u> | | | |
| Great Egrets | 30-40? | since early June | breeding plumage birds (about 12) carrying nest material into trees on June 23 at USNWR |
| Red Schmidt | | | found more nest-building on backwaters of Plum Creek ^{apparently no egg-laying} |
| Cattle Egret | 2 | summered | in USNWR area |
| B.C. Night Heron | | | I believe <u>some</u> birds nest here ^(Koss. Co.) every year |
| abundant this year | | | with nest-material carrying seen at USNWR |
| Green-winged Teal | 4 | 7/11 | "Goose Lake (drakes) summered at USNWR + 1 female seen |
| Shoveler | | | USNWR at USNWR several broods |
| Gadwall | 2 | 6/30 | " " pair seen |
| Red head | 2 | 6/30 | " " pair seen |
| Ring-necked D. | 1 | | " " drake, summered |
| L. Scarp | 4 | until 6/18 | " " drakes, at least 1 summered |

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| Hooded Merg. | | | USNWR Several broods |
| Ruddy Duck | 1 | 6/30 | " " 2 broods seen |
| N. Harrier | 3 | 6/23-7/2 | 3 sightings of individual females with 15 mi. spread suggest some early migrating as I had no follow-up sightings |
| Swainson's Hawk | 1 | 6/5 | S. of Algona |
| L. Golden Plover | 2 | 7/12, 14 | in flooded fields between USNWR + Bancroft, basic pl. |
| " " | 7 | 7/21 | "Goose Lake" 2 mostly alternate, possibly migrating adults, |
| Semipalm - Plover | 12 | 7/21, 26 | 5 basic-plumage wandering 1-year olds 2 still present on 7/28 |
| PIPING PLOVER | 1 | 7/21 | " " Adult (male?) my first in Koss. Co. |
| Greater Yellowlegs | 28 | 7/26 | " " peak |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | 10 | 6/29 | " " first |
| " " | 450 | 7/26 | " " peak |
| Willet | 9 | 6/29 | " " life birds for me |
| " " | 1 | 7/14 | fields between USNWR + Bancroft basic pl. |
| Upland Sandp. | 5 | 6/20 | heard on 3 stops of Breeding Bird Survey |
| other sightings | 3 | | pair with young seen on 1 stop near St. Benedict |
| Marbled Godwit | 2 | 6/29 | "Goose Lake" circled around + flew off to the S.W. giving excellent views of cinnamon underwing + bicolor up-turned bill |
| Sanderling | 1 | 6/2 | "Goose Lake" 1 year old basic pl. |
| Semipalm - Sand. | 28 | 6/2 | " " last Spring |
| " " | 1 | 7/9 | " " first Fall |
| " " | 150 | 7/26 | " " peak |
| Least Sand. | 4 | 6/2 | " " last Spring |

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| Least Sandpiper | 100 | 7/14 | fields between USNWR + Bancroft |
| " " | 100 | 7/21 | "Goose Lake" Peak |
| White-rumped S. | 140 | 6/2 | " " Last |
| Baird's Sand- | 9 | 7/28 | " " only ones found |
| Pectoral | 6 | 6/9 | " " Last |
| " " | 650 | 7/26 | " " peak |
| Dunlin | 2 | 6/2 | " " last spring |
| Stilt Sand. | 4 | 7/11 | " " first |
| " " | 60 | 7/21 | " " peak |
| Sh.-Billed Dow. | 8 | 7/11 | " " 1 bird, when compared up |

close with 3 compatriots (that later flew off together), showed white from vent to lower chest, dense spotting on throat + upper breast, and heavy barring on flanks. Its refusal to fly when the others did suggested a difference to me also. Although it's foolish to label subspecies out-of-hand this bird matched all descriptions and pictures of *Griseus* I could find.

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| " " | 44 | 7/12 | fields between USNWR + Bancroft. peak |
| Snipe | 1 | 6/26 | "Goose Lake" first |
| Franklin's Gull | 1 | 7/9 | " " 1st summer (only one seen) |
| Ring-billed Gull | up to 22 | | birds seen in many places in the 2nd 1/2 of July |
| Foster's Tern | 6 | 7/14 | Smith lake (only ones seen) |
| Black Tern | 160 | 7/21 | "Goose Lake" few at USNWR |
| Cuckoo (both) | | | both kinds rare this year |
| Downy Woodpecker | | | a female Downy at the Earl + Carol |
| Ludwig residence | | | at the end of June / begin. of July was seen |

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| Several times feeding suet to one (or possibly not the same one on each occasion) | | | House Sparrow fledgeling along with it's own young |
| Pileated Wood. | 1 | 7/26 | Des. Moines River along Algona (male) |
| Yellow-bellied Flycatcher | 1 | 6/4 | Riverview Cemetery, Algona |
| Tree Swallow | 1000 | 7/30 | 2 flocks of 500-600 birds near USNWR |
| Veery | | | present through June at Call St. Park |
| Wood Thrush | | | sang through June along Plum Creek (Rod Schmidt) |
| Yellow-thr. Vireo | | | singing through June at Call St. Park |
| Am. Redstart | 1 | 7/26 | Des. Moine R. along Algona (male) near spot where I had territory last year |
| Oven bird | | | NO SIGHTINGS or SONG (first time I can remember!) |
| Scarlet Tanager | | | seen bred Call St. Park (resident pair) |
| Swamp Sparrow | 1 | 7/12 | NSNWE carrying food, singing birds common |
| Orchard Oriole | | | 2 broods found |
| missed one - | | | |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | 1 | 7/4 | a weak-flying juvenile in Algona |
| Rod Schmidt | | | saw birds repeatedly at his Plum Creek Elk Ranch including adults carrying food. |
| See you at Indianola, | | | |
| | | | Matt |