

Marble Rock, Iowa

June, 4, 1963

Peter C. Petersen, Jr.

Davenport, Iowa

Dear Mr. Petersen,

I don't believe spring bird migration was quite as exciting as it is many years although I did have a few interesting records. Some of these were for five American Egrets seen on the 8th of May, an Orchard Oriole on the 8th and a Mockingbird on the 9th of May. I saw one Wood Thrush again this year. Our big migration day came on the 14th of May this year. I recorded 19 different Warblers that day. I believe most warblers were here in about average numbers for their particular species. Wood Ducks seem to be on the increase in this locality. Although migration seemed to be running a little behind schedule in April I believe it got to running a little ahead of schedule in May. At least my biggest day has been a week later many times, and I have seen no late strays among the migrants the past ten days. I saw more than the usual number of flocks of the Golden Plovers. The Swallow and ~~Vireo~~ Flycatcher migration seemed to be up to par but with the exception of the Chipping Sparrow I can't seem to feel that the sparrow migration was. Saw the usual species of vireos, and possibly more Swainson and Gray-cheeked Thrushes. There were quite a few ducks on the river and numerous flocks flying over, but guess that doesn't indicate much as their appearance along the rivers may depend somewhat on the time of thawing of the lakes and we aren't too far from Clear Lake. (35 miles)

Sincerely,

Beare Knopf.