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## SUMMER FIELD REPORTS - 1991

All of the Effigy Mounds National Monument (EMNM) records are from the north (Allamakee County) unit of the park. Winneshiek County records are from Decorah and Cardinal Marsh. I have also included a few records obtained during trips to north central and northwest Iowa. In spite of increasingly dry weather, the Mississippi River remained relatively high as did water levels at Cardinal Marsh.

## SPECIES DATA

Pied-billed Grebe: several broods at Cardinal Marsh; 26 (including juveniles) seen on 9 July.

American White Pelican: 10 at Mini-Waukan State Park, Dickinson County on 5 June.

Great Egret: 2 were seen near Tuttle Lake, Emmet County on 5 June.

Black-crowned Night-heron: An adult in breeding plumage was seen at Cardinal M. on 9 July.

Mallard: 80 were seen in flooded fields in Mitchell County on 5 June; broods were seen at Cardinal M. in July

Blue-winged Teal: broods were found at Cardinal M. on 25 June.

Gadwall: 2 seen at Cardinal M. on 17 June.

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Redhead: 2 were found in Mitchell County on 5 June and 2<sup>(pair)</sup> on Rice Lake, Worth Co. on 17 July.

Ring-necked Duck: 1♂ was seen at Cardinal Marsh on 17 and 25 June.

Ruddy Duck: A few lingered at Cardinal M., with 5 there on 25 June and 1 on 9 July.

Osprey: 1 seen as it flew over Effigy Mounds Nat. Mon. on 20 July.

Northern Harrier: 1 found 2 miles NE of Hayden Prairie, Howard County on 19 June.

Common Moorhen: The two that had been found at Cardinal M. in May were last seen on 17 June.

American Coot: Several broods were raised at Cardinal M.; 62 birds (about 1/2 juveniles) were there on 9 July.

Solitary Sandpiper: 1 just north of Pilot Knob State Park, Winnebago Co. on 17 July; 3 at Lake Cornelia, Wright Co. on 18 July.

Least Sandpiper: 3 at Lake Cornelia on 18 July.

Pectoral Sandpiper: 4 at Lake Cornelia on 18 July.

Short-billed Dowitcher: 1 was seen and heard at Cardinal M. on 26 July.

Black Tern: 1 at Cardinal M. on 17 June

Black-billed Cuckoo: 2 seen at Cardinal M. on 17 June, also seen in Clayton County.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: single birds were found at Decorah in June and at EMNM during June & July.

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Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 2 adults brought young to their favorite birch tree at the EMNM visitor center throughout the period and could be seen daily.

Acadian Flycatcher: present at EMNM <sup>(near Yellow River)</sup> during June and July with a peak of 7 heard on 12 June.

Willow Flycatcher: present (up to 4) at Cardinal M. throughout period; it was also found in Clay, Pocahontas, and Worth counties.

Cliff Swallow: many nested on bridges at Decorah, including about 70 on one bridge.

Wood Thrush: 2 heard at EMNM on 12 June.

Cedar Waxwing: 2 were building a nest (later deserted) at the EMNM visitor center on 8 June.

Yellow-throated Vireo: 1 seen at EMNM on 13 July.

Cerulean Warbler: at EMNM throughout period with peak of 6 on 12 June.

American Redstart: common at EMNM again this summer; 9 seen on 13 July.

Ovenbird: 7 found at EMNM on 12 June; present throughout period.

Louisiana Waterthrush: 3 found near Yellow River, at EMNM on 12 June.

Scarlet Tanager: found at Decorah and EMNM.

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