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Dear Jim

Birdlife was pretty mundane up at Lakeside this year. Overall, there were less Pewees, but a lot of Great Crested Flycatchers. Woodland birds still seemed low. Even Brown Thrashers and Catbirds seemed lower. Yellow Warblers were in the lowest numbers that I remember. Black terns were back along with a lot of Forster's Terns. I estimated that there might be as many as 200 birds of the latter at Jemmerson Slough one day. White Pelicans were more dispersed than in the past and a large flock of Double-crested Cormorants migrated through early in June (I did not see it). Lots Ruddy ducks. (mostly male)

Of more specific info:

Male Green-winged Teal--farmer's pond on 6 June
Cayler Prairie on 14 June
2 Gadwall (female) Cayler Prairie on 14 June
Lesser Yellowlegs 2 July

26 June---one of my students reported 3 Black-and-white Warblers. She has no prior experience, but this is near the spot and time when I mist-netted a female several years ago. I did not see them

6 June Ken Lang describes what appeared to be a Western Grebe on West Lake Okoboji. I did not see the bird.

Bud Gode and two students saw what they believe to be a Tree Sparrow in June on Cayler Prairie. I'm leaving it to them to report. I did not see it.

That's about it. Hope all is well. Hello to Steve

Neil Bernstein