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Dear Tom,

A cool, late spring. Saylorville broke up so late, that the ducks seemed to come & go in one week. Shorebirds were almost non-existent, & others were a three week trickle with no "waves". Reports are from the Saylorville area unless otherwise noted.

- ✓ G. Loon: Max of 7 on 4/10
- ✓ Eared Grebe: 3 on the IPTU pond on 3/30
- ✓ Pelican: Max. of 2742 on 4/17, at Big Creek
- ✓ D.C. Cormorant: Max of 514 on 4/27
- ✓ A. Egret: first on 4/3
- ✓ Cattle Egret: 14 at Maedley Prairie on 5/18; at least 3 still present on 5/29
- ✓ Shoveler: Max. of 255 on 4/16
Greater Scaup: 12 on IPTU on 3/26
- ✓ Bufflehead: Max of 61 on 4/1
- ✓ R.B. Merganser: Max of 148 on 4/3
- ✓ Osprey: one on 3/20 was a bit early
- ✓ B. Eagle: High water prevented good access to the lake, so I had a high count of only 28 on 3/13
- ✓ Broad-winged Hawk - Max of 9 on 4/27
- ✓ Swainson's Hawk - one was chasing (and caught) a Killdeer in flooded land below Saylorville on 5/2
- ✓ Merlin - one on 3/13
- Piping Plover - flooded beaches at Sandpiper & Oak Grove precluded my finding this regularly
- ✓ Avocet - 12 at Big Creek on 4/17

- ✓ Willet - 1 on 4/27
- ✓ Upland Sandpiper - brood of weekly (3) by 5/8
- ✓ Hudsonian Godwit - only 1 on 5/15
- ✓ Laughing Gull - one was with Franklin's on 4/24. Adult plumage, white tail, no white on wing tips, small eye ring, large bill in side-by-side comparison, reddish/black bill. Appeared injured - drooping leg, though did fly. In flooded bottom land below the dam.
- ✓ Bonaparte's Gull - Max of 45 on 4/30, in same area
- ✓ Caspian Tern - one was a bit early on 5/1
- ✓ Long-eared Owl - one was still present on 4/3
- ✓ Cowbird - one that had been singing vigorously in our yard, abruptly disappeared the end of March.
- ✓ Fox Sparrow - Max of 42 on 4/3

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