

Season: Summer Year: 1992

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Use first few lines to give weather and habitat conditions. Use line(s) below species data to give additional details, if needed. Mail to: Jan 118
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 by 1 Mar, 1 Jun, 1 Aug, or 1 Dec.

use initials of obsv. on species line

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
June - warm & dry July cold, cloudy, & rainy Coldest July on record, rainfall much above normal			
Common Loon	1	28 Jun	Silver Lake, Worth Co R.G.
Breeding plumage			
Western Grebe	4	^{28 Jun} 6 Jul	Silver Lake, Worth Co R.G.
2 adults, 2 chicks			
Least Bittern	1	12 Jul	Zinbel Slough
Turkey Vulture	2	20 Jun	n. of Clear Lake
Turkey Vultures rarely seen in this area in the summer until the last few years			
Northern Harrier	1 ♀	20 Jun	n. of Clear Lake
" "	1 ♀	27 Jun	e.c. Cerro Gordo Co.
Swainson's Hawk	1	16, 17, 30 July	S. Birch Drive, Mason City
Adult, no young seen this summer			
Virginia Rail	3	28 Jun	Silver Lake, Worth Co. R.G.
Adult, 2 black downy chicks. 6 July 4 chicks, feathering out			
Common Moorhen	3	^{28 Jun} 6 Jul	Silver Lake, Worth Co R.G.
Heard only from 3 locations on s. shore of lake			
American Coot	7	14 Jun	Mc Intosh W.M.A.
2 adults, 7 downy chicks			
Upland Sandpiper	3	^{13, 16, 27 Jun} 1 Jul	e.c. Cerro Gordo Co.
Pectoral Sandpiper	1	10 Jun	Shellrock R., Nora Springs, Floyd Co.
Black Tern	12	^{28 Jun} 6 Jul	Silver Lake, Worth Co. R.G.
6 Jul some in juv. plumage			

Details of Philadelphia Vireo:

Strong sun light. First seen from 15' later in top of tree. Smaller than nearby House Finches, definite Vireo bill, greenish back, gray crown, no wing bars. Underparts lightly washed with very pale yellow, slightly darker at center of throat and upper breast. Definite dark eye line, white eyebrow without dark border. Briefly heard song similar to Red-eyed Vireo, but fainter, higher pitched a little slower, & not as persistent. A lot of brief glimpses over a 10 or 15 minute period. Toward the end a Red-eyed Vireo landed briefly on a nearby branch, confirming the small size and plumage differences of the Philadelphia.