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Common Loon-1 in basic plumage on 26 Jun at Little Wall L. (+H. Zaletel, m.ob.); 1 in breeding plumage on 28 Jun at Rush L., Osceola Co.

Pied-billed Grebe-on 26-28 Jun, 1 confirmed breeding at Big Wall L., Russ W.A., Myre Sl., Union Slough NWR, Trumbull L., Mud L., Rush L. (Osceola Co.), Lake Park Marsh, Grover L., Jemmerson Sl., Spring Run, Swan L. (Dickinson Co.), Iowa Lake W.A., and Lost Island M.

Eared Grebe-1 on 27 Jun at Elm L.

Western Grebe-2 doing courtship displays on 27 Jun at Elm L.; 3 on 28 Jun at West Swan L., Emmet Co.; 1 on 30 Jun at IPL Ponds (+JJD)

American White Pelican-71 on 24 Jun at Saylorville were very unusual on that date; 35 on 27 Jun at Elm L.; 200 on 27 Jun at Iowa L.; 250 on 27 Jun at Swan L. (Dickinson Co.); 150 on 28 Jun at High L.; 4 on 29 Jun at South Twin L.; 17 on 7 Jul at Bays Branch (+JJD)

Double-crested Cormorant-36, including several courting pairs and nest building, on 28 Jun at West Swan L.

Least Bittern-1 on 27 Jun at Elm L.

Great Blue Heron-23+ nests on 28 Jun at West Swan L.

Great Egret-1 on 27 Jun at Russ W.A., Winnebago Co.; 1 on 28 Jun at Hottes L.; 1 on 29 Jun at South Twin L., Calhoun Co.

Black-crowned Night-Heron-19 on 27 Jun at Russ W.A. must have been near a breeding colony; nest building was noted at Grover L. and Rush L. (Osceola Co.) on 28 Jun

White-faced Ibis-1 in breeding plumage on 28 Jun at Twelve Mile WPA, Emmet Co.-noted broad white border around base of bill and brighter red legs: Glossy would have narrower white border around bill base and dull-colored legs with contrasting reddish knees

Snow Goose-1 on 29 Jun at Kiowa M., Sac Co.; 6 on 30 Jun, 7 Jul at IPL Ponds (+JJD)

Green-winged Teal-a pair on 27-28 Jun w. of Spirit L.; 2 males on 27 Jun at Spring Run; 4 males on 28 Jun at Twelve Mile WPA

Mallard-228 on 28 Jun at Twelve Mile WPA; 121 on 28 Jun at West Swan L.-both of these groups were comprised of >90% males in eclipse plumage

Northern Shoveler-1 male and a female with 3 young on 28 Jun at Twelve Mile WPA

Gadwall-1 male on 24 Jun, 8 Jul at Saylorville; 1 male on 27 Jun w. of Spirit L.; 2 males and 1 female on 27 Jun at Spring Run; 1 male on 28 Jun at Cunningham Sl.; 3 pairs on 28 Jun at McBreen M.

American Wigeon-1 female with 8 young (<1 week old) on 27 Jun at Russ W.A.

Redhead-none were in NC Iowa, but they were fairly common in the Spirit L. area with 17 on 28 Jun at Grover L.

Ring-necked Duck-2 males and 1 female on 7 Jul at IPL Ponds (+JJD) 7

Lesser Scaup-1 pair on 8 Jul at IPL Ponds (+JJD); a male on 8 Jul at Bays Branch (+JJD)

Hooded Merganser-single females on 27 Jun at Big Wall L., Jemmerson Sl., and Spring Run, and on 28 Jun at Mud L.; 2 females on 28 Jun at West Okoboji L.

Common Merganser-1 male on 8 Jul at IPL Ponds (+JJD)

Ruddy Duck-53 on 28 Jun at Grover L.

Osprey-1 on 7 Jul at Bays Branch (+JJD)

Cooper's Hawk-1, probably a female based on large size, on 24 Jun in SW Jasper Co.

Sora-4 on 27 Jun at Myre Sl.

Broad-winged Hawk-1 on 8 Jul at Ledges S.P.

Common Moorhen-4 on 27 Jun at Big Wall L.

American Coot-more were in NC and NW Iowa than I can remember in the past several years; breeding birds were at Myre Sl., Hottes L., Jemmerson Sl., Spring Run, Rush L. (Osceola Co.), Mud L., and Grover L. (230 adults counted 28 Jun)

Lesser Golden Plover-2 in basic plumage on 28 Jun SE of Cunningham Sl.

Solitary Sandpiper-1 on 27 Jun at Big Wall L.; 1 on 28 Jun at Twelve Mile WPA

Spotted Sandpiper-1 adult with 2 young on 24 Jun at Saylorville

Semipalmated Sandpiper-1 on 8 Jul at Saylorville

Least Sandpiper-49 on 8 Jul at Saylorville

Baird's Sandpiper-1 on 28 Jun at Twelve Mile WPA-a very long, skinny peep with dark legs, slender bill, scaly appearance to scapulars, and buff wash on breast in the shape of a bib

Stilt Sandpiper-1 on 8 Jul at Saylorville

Franklin's Gull-5 on 24 Jun at Saylorville; 1 on 28 Jun at Mud L.; 1 on 30 Jun, 7 Jul at IPL Ponds (+JJD)

Ring-billed Gull-1 on 27 Jun at Big Wall L. was unusual

Common Tern-2 on 24 Jun at Saylorville (identified by dark outer primaries)

Forster's Tern-nesting birds were at Eagle L., Hancock Co. (4 ad. feeding young-27 Jun) and Grover L. (8 ad. feeding young-28 Jun); 3 on 29 Jun at South Twin L.; 1 on 8 Jul at Saylorville

Least Tern-3 on 30 Jun at IPL Ponds (+JJD)

Black Tern-10 on 26 Jun at Little Wall L.; nesting birds were at Big Wall L., Eagle L. (Hancock Co.), Russ W.A., Jemmerson Sl., Oppedahl Tract, and Grover L.

Yellow-throated Warbler-2 (1 near Wildlife Research Station) on 8 Jul at Ledges S.P.

Cerulean Warbler-1 on 8 Jul at Ledges S.P.