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FIELD REPORTS - SUMMER 1992

All of the Effigy Mounds National Monument (EMNM) records are from the Allamakee portion of the park. Winneshiek County records are from Cardinal Marsh, Decorah, and Highlandville.

I'm not certain of the reason for an "explosion" of great blue herons and great egrets over EMNM on 20 June; disturbance of the large nesting colony on the Wisconsin side of the Mississippi River is a possibility. I'm at a loss to explain the decrease in waterbirds (except for wood ducks) at Cardinal Marsh. Am. Coot disappeared completely there, and most other species were scarce.

SPECIES DATA

Pied-billed Grebe: 9 at Cardinal Marsh on 21 July and 17 at Silver Lake, Worth Co. on 27 July included some young birds.

Western Grebe: 2 were at the ~~west~~^{east} end of Rice Lake, Worth Co. on 7 June.

Am. White Pelican: 30 were at Rice Lake on 27 July.

Great Blue Heron: 75 were counted flying over EMNM on 20 June, my most ever there.

Great Egret: 31 were seen as they flew over EMNM on 20 June, by far the most I've ever seen there.

Gadwall: A male was at Hageman Farm Pond, Winneshiek Co. on 18 June.

Ruddy Duck: 14 were on the ~~west~~^{east} end of Rice Lake, Worth Co. on 7 June and 8 on Silver Lake, Worth Co. on 27 July.

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Northern Harrier: A female was at Rice Lake, Worth Co. on 7 June.

Red-shouldered Hawk: present at EMNM, where it nests, throughout the period.

Broad-winged Hawk: Single adults were over EMNM on 20 June and 4 July.

American Coot: None at Cardinal Marsh, where it was a common breeding bird in 1990 and 1991.

Caspian Tern: 2 were seen as they flew up the Mississippi River at EMNM on 20 June.

Forster's Tern: 3 were at Cardinal Marsh on 5 June.

Black Tern: What appeared to be a nesting colony of 60 birds was at Silver Lake, Worth Co. on 7 June.

Black-billed Cuckoo: found in Winneshiek and Worth Cos.

Ruby-thr. Hummingbird: at EMNM throughout period and also found in Winneshiek Co.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: A family group visited a birch tree at EMNM, ^{Visitor Center} throughout July.

Acadian Flycatcher: Peak count at EMNM was 8 singing birds at EMNM on 9 July; 2 singing birds were found along the Upper Iowa River in eastern Winneshiek Co. on 14 June.

Willow Flycatcher: common in Winneshiek Co.

Least Flycatcher: 3 singing birds were found at Highlandville, Winneshiek Co. on 12 June; 1 was singing at Elk Creek WMA, Worth Co. on 7 June.

Carolina Wren: 1 was singing at EMNM on 18 July.

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Wood Thrush: Peak count at EMNM was 7 singing birds on 9 July.

Yellow-throated Vireo: found at 3 localities in EMNM during July, also 1 near Decorah, Winneshiek Co. on 16 July.

Cerulean Warbler: 3 were singing at EMNM on 6 ~~June~~^{June} and 2 still there on 9 July.

American Redstart: a common breeding bird in wooded areas, e.g. 7 at Cardinal Marsh on 5 June, 6 at Highlandville on 13 June, and 8 at EMNM on 20 June.

Prothonotary Warbler: An adult was feeding a young bird at EMNM on 4 July.

Ovenbird: High count at EMNM was 8 singing birds on 9 July; was also found in Winneshiek Co.

Kentucky Warbler: 2 were singing at EMNM on 9 July.

Scarlet Tanager: found at EMNM and in Winneshiek Co.

Dickcissel: more numerous than during the past two summers, e.g. 12 at Silver Lake Worth Co. on 7 June and 14 at Cardinal Marsh on 2 July.

Swamp Sparrow: 5 singing birds were at Cardinal Marsh throughout the period, as during the past 2 summers.

Yellow-headed Blackbird: scarce at Cardinal Marsh; no more than 5 counted on any trip.

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