

AFN - Summer 1966

Early freezing weather and a protracted spell of very high temperatures probably caused some mortality among the box-and-hole-nesters. Windstorms and toraados were frequent during the nesting season.

A Common Loon at the Impounding Res. on 11 June was late.

Hérons. I have only one Polk Co. <sup>Great Blue</sup> record for the summer.

A Little Blue was seen just north of town on 13 July. Green Herons have been few. No Black-crown or either bittern seen. Yellow-crown observed frequently in one location without nest being found.

Hooded Merganser adult female seen on 24 July by Miss Elizabeth Peck.

Hawks. Red-tailed, few. Red-shouldered, my last on 26 Feb. Broad-winged, last seen 17 May and not known if they nested as in last few years. Sparrow Hawks were scarce until the last few weeks.

Bobwhites, seem more than usual.

Shorebirds. Not many seen and few mudflats available. A Wilson's Phalarope on 16 July was 2 weeks early.

Cuckoos. Yellow-billed first seen 18 June and few seen or heard until late July and August. Only Black-billed seen on 29 May.

Red-headed Woodpecker, lots along country roads.

Hummingbirds. Know of only one observation.

Robins, lots of immatures recently. Bluebirds, seemingly a good hatch.

Vireos. Red-eyed, none from 29 May until 16 July and few since.

Warbling not as many as other years.

Warblers. Yellow and Ovenbird, few. Yellowthroats numerous. Redstarts, very few despite a heavy migration.

Bobolinks, seen in several places in city; usually seen only in country.

Grackles, nested all over the city; increasing last few years.

Lark Sparrow, none from 29 May to 8 August. Usually some seen during nesting season.

Wood, Brown 16 Aug '66