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Dear Jim,

Obviously, a strange summer. The water kept me out of many Saylorville areas. It could have been a great year for Moccasin Prairie, but there was a brief period when most of it dried up in June, then it refilled. All notes from Saylorville, unless otherwise noted.

Grebe, P.b.: 2 Adult seen on Moccasin 7/18 on. I have seen young one here in past years

Pelican, W: 44 on 6/14, 62 on 7/31

Cormorant, OC: 1 on 6/14 and 7/25

Heron, GB: the colony was active. I counted only 28 active nests on 6/14, but I was up underneath in the summer

Egret, G: present throughout the period just East & South of the heron colony. For example, 13 on July 5. I could not find any nests, however, on 6/14. Up to 26 on 7/31.

Egret, cattle: present throughout at Moccasin. Lowest number 7 on 7/18, up to 62 by 7/31. Again, I could find no nesting.

Goose, Snow - the Blue phase goose seems to be a permanent resident at IPTU ponds

Teal, BW - 2 males at Moccasin on 6/5

Teal, BW - at least 4 pairs and one brood of 8 at Moccasin on 7/5

Merganser, Hooded - 2 females passed briefly at Moccasin on 7/5

Hawk, B-W - 1 was carrying a snake near the Heron colony on 6/14.

I have seen this species occasionally, but not consistently in June near Saylorville

Hawk, Cooper's — a new nesting site NW of Jester Park.

The old site near Lakeview seems abandoned.

Plover, L. Golden — one north of Mocclesly on 6/5 was still in winter plumage

Yellow-leg, G — 3 were calling repeatedly on 7/25 at Mocclesly

Sandpiper, Upland — regular at Mocclesly

Gull, Ring-bill — a few present throughout, usually around flood-waters

Gull, Franklin's — one on 6/14

Tern, Caspian — 3 adults in floodwaters below town on 7/5

Tern, Black — 15 at Mocclesly on 6/14, 11 on 7/25

Cuckoos — yellow-bills seem common, black-bills absent

Hummingbird — 2 in woods west of the lake on 6/14

Wren, Carolina — the one present in our yard last 1/2 yr, abruptly disappeared in the spring & did not return

Wren, Marsh — 2 at Mocclesly on 7/31

Wren, Sedge — abundant throughout the area

Thrush, Wood — I did find one this year on the West side of the lake, plus

1 song all summer just south of our house

Grackles — seem common now (3 pairs on 6/14)

Shrike, L — 1 pair N. of the lake, a pair with at least 1 juvenile

N. of Mocclesly

Vireo, Bell's — harder to find this year in Shellehills (2 on 6/14)

Vireo, Yellow-th — 1 in our yard off & on throughout

Vireo, Warbling — 2 on 6/15 west of lake

Warbler, Pr. throatery — could not find on my one trip to hear colony

Warbler, Leucis — 2 singing in colony W. side of lake

Warbler, Hooded — 1 was singing in our neighborhood on 6/7, 6/20

and finally I glimpsed a male on 6/27. This is only a few miles up a tributary of the Roanoke river from Brown's Woods where they have been found before.

Ovenbird — 5 on 6/14

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