

Season: Summer Year: 1992

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Dolly Zangger, Larchwood

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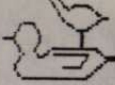
Tracy Dieters, Larchwood

Use first few lines to give weather and habitat conditions. Use line(s) below species data to give additional details, if needed. Mail to: T. H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City IA 52240 by 1 Mar, 1 Jun, 1 Aug, or 1 Dec.

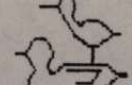
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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
Misc. comments: a wet summer in NW Iowa, with 9± inches of rain in July; also very cool temperatures. Good wetland and aquatic vegetation conditions on most area wetlands yielded excellent waterfowl habitat. Diving ducks especially in evidence throughout season.			
<u>Sighting reports:</u>			
American Pelicans	**	**	** abundant in summering groups on many wetlands
Double-crested cormorants	**	**	** common throughout summer for first time in many years.
American Bittern	1	7/14	Spring Run Wildlife Area, Dickinson County.
Redhead	**	**	** abundant on many wetlands in Lakes Region.
Ruddy Duck	**	**	** abundant on many wetlands in Lakes Region.
Lesser Golden Plover	12 & 17	7/27	flock of 12 in Lyon County & flock of 17 in O'Brien County were seen in early S. migration.
Red-headed Woodpecker	**	**	** notably abundant in all NW Iowa areas this year.
Olive Sided Flycatcher	1	6/6	Sioux County (report sent separately)
	1	6/8	Lyon County (report sent separately) w/DZ & TD
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	2	6/8	Along Big Sioux River, W. end Lyon County; pair w/nest (see previous report) w/DZ & TD
Grasshopper Sparrow	**	**	** abundant in CRP grasslands and on large state wildlife areas throughout season.
Prothonotary Warbler	2	5/16- June	Kettleston Hogsback WMA, Dickinson County (see also any report of same pair from Lee Schoenewe report).
House Finch	**	**	** nesting in virtually every town in NW Iowa; abundant at spring and early summer feeders.

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# BIG SIOUX WILDLIFE UNIT MEMO



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To: Jim Dinsmore

Date: 31 July 92

Subject: addenda to IOU summer report

You may be aware of this, Jim, but a couple of birders reported a Red-shouldered Hawk on the Maser farm woods, just north of Kettleson Hogsback on 7/6/92. I got the information second-hand, but was told that the birders included a Dennis Thompson of Des Moines (IOU member??) and a retired biology professor from U. of Illinois. Perhaps you can glean this from other reports that come in, but if not, I thought it would be of interest to you.

I happened to mention this sighting to Lee Schoenewe, and he stated he saw what he thought was a Red-shouldered Hawk in the same location this spring, but he was afraid to tell anyone lest they think he was kidding. After I told him about this, he said he might try to recall the sighting and report it to you, so you may want to check his report when it comes in.

As you're aware, we have about 110 acres of woodlands between the lakes at the Kettleson Hogsback area, with the Maser farm directly to the north having another 80 acres or so of timber, for a total approaching 200 acres. Is that enough to support a red-shouldered hawk or pair?

Anyway, it's an exciting occurrence if correct. I've not had time to go up and search for the bird (or birds) yet myself, but I hope to make some time in the near future. I'll let you know if anything turns up.