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Audubon Field Notes. Summer, 1969

Unusually heavy rains during May, June, and July must have had some effect upon the nesting, but the effect has not been apparent.

Herons. Great Blue and Green have been few. No Night Herons of either species reported.

Hawks. Fewer Red-tailed. No Red-shouldered at all. Marsh Hawks, few, if any, and Sparrow Hawks scarce until late July.

Doves. Few seen until late July indicating a good nesting season.

Cuckoos. Both extremely scarce. Lack of inchworms probably the reason.

Hummingbirds. Scarcer than usual. Only one I saw was at the Ledges.

Woodpeckers. Red-bellied scarce, but Red-headed at least normal.

Mockingbirds. An unusual summer record on 15 July. One seen by

Mrs. Margaret Brooke and Mary Ellen Warters.

Robins. Plentiful, with numerous young from what appear to be second or third nestings.

Vireos. Red-eyed, formerly very common, exceedingly scarce.

Warblers. Yellow and Redstarts are again way down. A Yellow-throated at the Ledges on 17 June and seen by Mrs. Brooke and Mary Ellen Warters is the first reported in many years.

Tanagers. Two pairs of Summer Tanagers and one immature have been visiting the feeder of Mrs. Catherine Griffith. No nest found.

House Sparrows must have had a tremendously successful nesting.

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Cattle Eggs - Round Lake, Rithven 5/27-2-MWB

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Dear Mr. Petersen:

When I read the note about the Western Tanager at Storm Lake I thought about the report one of our birders had at an Omaha Bird Club outing at De Soto Bend Refuge, and I got him to write it up for you.

He was late arriving, and when he got in he asked what bird had a red head. We suggested Red Headed Woodpecker, Rose Breasted Grosbeak, but he wouldn't take them. He evidently started looking through his Birds of North American, because at our first stop he came up with it open to the Western Tanager and said "thats it", and wouldn't be shaken. When we left, about 5 hours after he saw it, I drove around a little, but didn't see anything of the kind. When our record of the birds sighted was sent to Mr. Dybsetter, the Manager, he was asked if any of the personel at the Refuge had reported seeing such a bird, and he said no. So until I saw the note in Iowa Bird Life I was wondering what he could have seen that would look like a Western Tanager, and apparently the answer is "a Western Tanager".

Sincerely

R. G. Cortelyou