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FIELD REPORTS - FALL 1993 ✓

GENERAL TRENDS

Unlike the last two falls, ponds and lakes in Winneshiek County remained open through Nov, allowing waterfowl to linger.

I found no thrushes, other than Hermit.

Warblers were more numerous than usual.

✓ A loose flock of about 100 vireos and warbler at Cardinal Marsh on 18 Sep was the largest "wave" that I've found, since I moved to Decorah in 1990.

SPECIES DATA

All Allamakee County records are from Effigy Mounds National Monument. Winneshiek County records are from Cardinal Marsh, Decorah, and Lake Meyer County Park. I have included a few other records from NC and NW Iowa. General comments refer to Allamakee and Winneshiek counties.

- ✓ Pied-billed Grebe: 4 in juvenile plumage at Cardinal M. on 31 Aug indicated late nesting there. Peak at Cardinal M. was 21 on 15 Sep.
- ✓ Common Goldeneye: 7 were at Decorah on 28 Nov.
- ✓ Red-breasted Merganser: A female was at Decorah, 10-30 Nov.
- ✓ Osprey: Singles were at Effigy Mounds N.M. on 28 Aug, at Cardinal Marsh on 31 Aug, and at Decorah on 9 Oct.

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- ✓ Semipalmated Plover: 3 were at Cardinal M on 6 Aug.
- ✓ Solitary Sandpiper: 1 was at Decorah on 14 Sep.
- ✓ Franklin's Gull: 1,000 were at Storm Lake, Buena Vista Co., on 24 Sep.
- ✓ Caspian Tern: 2 were seen at Cardinal M. on 18 Sep.
- ✓ Black Tern: 1 was " " " " " 27 Aug.
- ✓ Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 was " " " " " 11 Aug.
- ✓ Common Nighthawk: 20 were seen over Decorah on 21 and 22 Sep.; 6 were at Storm Lake on 24 Sep.
- ✓ Red-headed Woodpecker: More were seen than during the three previous falls, and through the period.
- ✓ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 3 were at Effigy Mounds N.M., where they nested, on 14 and 28 Aug; 1 was still at a Decorah feeder on 28 Nov.
- ✓ Northern Flicker: 24 were on the north side of Storm Lake on 24 Sep.
- ✓ Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 was seen at Cardinal M on 31 Aug.
- ✓ Great Crested Flycatcher: 1 at Effigy Mounds N.M. on 8 Nov was remarkably late but seemed healthy. I've enclosed a Documentation Form on this record.
- ✓ Tree Swallow: 160 were at Morse Lake, Wright Co. on 24 Sep.
- ✓ Cliff Swallow: Peak was 300 at Cardinal M. on 5 Sep.
- ✓ Barn Swallow: " " 90 " " " " 15 Sep.
- ✓ Red-breasted Nuthatch: First was 1 at Cardinal M on 27 Aug, followed by 6 at Decorah on 3 Sep, and scattered records through Nov.
- ✓ Winter Wren: A count of 15 in 3 hours at Decorah on 9 Oct was the most I've ever found in one day.

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- ✓ Ruby-crowned Kinglet: First were 2 at Cardinal M. on 15 Sep. Peak was 10 at Lake Meyer, Winneshiek Co. on 5 Oct, also 8 at Effigy Mounds N.M. on 14 Oct.
- ✓ Northern Shrike: 1 was seen at Cardinal M. on 3 Nov.
- ✓ Yellow-throated Vireo: 1 was seen at Cardinal M. on 18 Sep.
- ✓ Solitary Vireo: 1 was seen at Storm Lake on 25 Sep.
- ✓ Red-eyed Vireo: Peak was 12 at Cardinal M. on 18 Sep.
- ✓ Golden-winged Warbler: 1 was seen at Decorah on 3 Sep.
- ✓ Tennessee Warbler: 2 at Effigy Mounds N.M. on 6 Oct and 1 at Decorah on 9 Oct seemed late. White under-tail coverts were seen and all had whiter breasts than most fall birds.
- ✓ Northern Parula Warbler: A male was seen at Cardinal M. on 18 Sep and another was at Decorah on the same date.
- ✓ Chestnut-sided Warbler: Last was 1 at Decorah on 28 Sep.
- ✓ Magnolia Warbler: One of the most numerous migrant warblers with a peak of 6 at Decorah on 3 Sep.
- ✓ Cape May Warbler: I had missed this species until this fall. 4 were seen at Sweet Marsh, Bremer Co. on 6 Sep and 1 at Cardinal M. on 15 Sep.
- ✓ Black-throated Blue Warbler: A male was seen at Twin Springs Park in Decorah on 8 Oct.
- ✓ Yellow-rumped Warbler: Peak was 20 at Lake Meyer^{Co. Park} on 5 Oct.
- ✓ Black-throated Green Warbler: 4 were seen at Cardinal M. on 18 Sep.
- ✓ Blackburnian Warbler: 3 " " " " " " 18 Sep.
- ✓ Palm Warbler: First was 1 at Cardinal M. on 5 Sep.
- ✓ Bay-breasted Warbler: This was the most numerous^{warbler} species this fall. Peak was 12 at Cardinal M. on 18 Sep.

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- ✓ Black-and-white Warbler: 2 were seen at Effigy Mounds N.M. on 14 Aug. 1 was at Cardinal M. on 18 Sep.
- ✓ American Redstart: 5 were at Cardinal M. on 18 Sep.
- ✓ Northern Waterthrush: 1 was seen at Sweet ^{Bremner Co.} M. on 6 Sep.
- ✓ Indigo Bunting: 5 ^(1 singing) were at Cardinal M. on 15 Sep.
- ✓ Dickcissel: 1 was still at Cardinal M. on 5 Sep.
- ✓ Fox Sparrow: First were 2 at Cardinal M. on 30 Sep, and 2 were still there on 3 Nov.
- ✓ Song Sparrow: Peak was 36 at Cardinal M. on 12 Oct.
- ✓ Lincoln's Sparrow: First was 1 at " " " 15 Sep.
- ✓ Swamp Sparrow: Peak was 30 at Cardinal M. on 12 Oct.
- ✓ Bobolink: 18 were at Cardinal M. on 31 Aug. and 1 still there on 15 Sep.
- ✓ Purple Finch: First were 2 at Lake Meyer Co. Park on 5 Oct, with ^{a few} scattered birds in Winneshiek Co. through Nov.

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