

May 30, 1993

Weather: wet + cool, obviously.

The 2 things that affected my birding most this spring were the Des Moines R. above flood stage the entire period and an almost total lack of shorebirds in abundant flooded fields. I've seen less than a dozen Pectoral S. + Lesser Yellowlegs this Spring! There have been average numbers of L. Golden Plovers, however.

Warbler / Thrush / Vireo migration was good + peaked (or fell out) plainly on May 20.

I had 14 species of warblers, 4 vireos, and thrushes galore on my 1/2 mi. walk to work, in the shade trees + front lawns. I was late for work sifting through Tenn. warblers + Red-eyed V.

Other observers: Mark Lenz of LuVerne, Ia.

saw a Snowy Owl 3 mi West of LuVerne on March 23.

(not far from the January 25<sup>th</sup> sighting)

Barb Meyer 1905 280 St. (between Sexton + Titonka)

Barb + her husband watched a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher in their yard from their house before church from as close as 30 ft.

Identified with bird book + binoculars in hand.