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Spring report for 1996

Common Loon - The only one I had this spring was at Maffitt Res., Polk Co., 4/30

Eared Grebe - 8 @ Saylorville Res 5/13.

Western Grebe - 1 @ Long Pond, Guthrie Co., 5/13

American Bittern - Errington Marsh, Polk Co., 5/13 (1)

Cattle Egret - 1 @ Terra Lake, Polk Co., 5/4

Greater White-fronted Goose - Good #'s in Central Zone through March. Still 50 @ Dunbar Slough, Boone Co, on ~~4/30~~ 4/30. 1 @ Bays Branch 5/13

Northern Pintail - Best migration I've ever seen in Central Zone.

Northern Shoveler - 240 @ Terra Lake on 4/6

Osprey - First @ Big Creek on 4/12. Last @ Big Creek on 5/13. Good #'s

Swarzenson's Hawk - Dark phase near Dunbar Slough on 5/13

Peregrine Falcon - 1 @ Harner Marsh, Boone Co., on 4/30

Sandhill Crane - 1 @ Big Creek on 4/27

Golden Plover - 9 @ Bays Branch on 4/21. Last @ Dunbar Slough 5/12

Willet - 1st @ Saylorville on 4/20. Last @ Snake Creek Marsh on 5/13

(over)

Marbled Godwit - They were a damned nuisance this spring. First @ Big Creek on 4/20 (1). Last @ Dunbar Slough on ~~5/12~~ 5/12. (1)

Western Sandpiper - 6 near Bay's Branch on 5/13

White-rumped Sandpiper - Best migration I've had in Central Iowa

Dunlin - 1st @ Polk City W.A. 4/27

Woodcock - 7 at Saylorville on 4/12 (~~8~~ All at Red Feather Prairie)

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher - 2 @ Walnut Woods, Polk, 5/25

Bell's Vireo - 1 @ Polk City W.A. on 4/27 was early, (Singing)

Prothonotary Warbler - 5 below Saylorville Dam on 5/13

Summer Tanager - 1 @ Browns Woods, Polk Co., 5/25

Purple Finch - Stayed late, 3 still @ my feeder on 5/14
Had up to 13 in early May.

Sorry this report was late!