

Brown — Iowa, Des Moines

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Dear Vern:

The enclosed represents my own observations and impressions for the most part as little information has been received from others.

We are planning to move within the next 10 days or so to

Apt. 502, 432 Tonawanda Drive  
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Will you please make a note of this?

Cordially

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Des Moines, IA. Summer Season, 1971

June was the warmest in 15 years, with heavy rains in the middle and end of the month. July was cool with new lows established and only 2/3 normal rainfall. The first half of August was cool and dry.

White Pelicans. Summer records are unusual, but 1 was seen 1 July in Cerro Gordo Co. (M.S. Boyce) and 1 on 19 July in Hancock Co. (Ed Boggess).

Yellow-crowned Night Herons apparently nested in Polk Co. with 2 ads and 4 imm seen early in August.

Pintail. An ad. and 1 imm on a sewage lagoon in Polk Co. appear to constitute a farthest-south nesting in Iowa.

Wood Ducks evidently had a good nesting season; 16 were observed in a small puddle in Polk.

Least Tern, rare except in western Iowa, 1 in Polk Co. 13 August.

Black-billed Cuckoos scarce. Yellow-billed are plentiful in Red Rock Refuge in Marion Co. (Mrs. Gladys Black).

Chuck-will's-widow, which nested in Wapello Co. last year, has again been seen, but no nest reported. (Miss Pearle Walker)

Vireos have been few.

Yellow Warblers, formerly common nesters, seldom found.

Two Yellow-throated Warblers seen and heard several times in Ledges State Park, Boone Co. (James Rod)

Ovenbirds and Redstarts, same as Yellow Warblers.

~~Orchard Orioles are always rare, but none seen this summer.~~

Grackles continue to be a nuisance and nesting in city.

Summer Tanager - 1 successful nest found in Polk Co.

*Edward H. Berry*