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Entered

Summer Report

Pied-billed grebe - present at Errington Marsh 6/8 (2)

White Pelican - one summared at Big Creek

G.B. Heron - Saylorville colony is abandoned. The colony
off of Highway 17 was active - at least 30
nest. One is also present in
with about a dozen nests, on

Least bittern - at least 3 were present at Errington
on 6/8, calling, flying about, and still present
on 6/12

Cattle Egret - 4 at Errington, 6/11/96

~~W. Grebe~~ Canada goose - they are everywhere

Blue goose - still present at Terra Lake

B.W. Teal - 3 at Errington on 6/8

Ring neck duck - 1 summared at Big Creek (male)

King rail - one was calling and crossing the road at
Errington repeatedly on 6/12. I believe this is the
first Polk Co record since 1981.

Sora - one responded to a tape on 6/12; I believe
this is the only recent Polk Co. record (summer)

Coot - a cripple was present 6/8 at Errington

Saylorville was high throughout the period, so there
were few shorebird on the lake

Spotted sandpiper - despite high water, were at several locations around Saylorsville

Woodcock - 1 at Saylorsville 7/14

R.B. Gull - a few summered at Saylorsville

RT Hummingbird - seen at several Saylorsville locations

Acadian flycatcher - 1 at Saylorsville 6/11; 1 at Brown's Wood 6/23

Willow flycatcher - 1 at Errington 6/1; 2 locations Saylorsville 7/28

Western Kingbird - at State Capitol 2 nest on 6/25

Cliff Swallow - the 17 bridge colony had only about 1000 nests

Carolinian Wren - none since winter blizzard

Sedge wren - singing in many locations, Polk Co, 7/28

Marsh wren - regular at Errington

Gratcatcher - found in most large wooded areas, Polk Co

Veery - 1 singing west of 17 bridge, 7/7

Wood thrush - gone for several years from my favorite spot N₁ of Lake View, but 2 at Brown's Woods 6/9, and 4 west of 17 bridge on 7/7

L. Shrike - only 1 near Dos Moines, 7/20

Ball's Wren - remains easy to find around Big Creek

V.T. Wren - present in Brown's Woods, W. of ~~Saylors~~ 17 bridge

Warbling Wren - ~~Brown's~~ 1, Walnut Woods 6/9

Tenn. Warbler - 1 was late, 6/9, at Brown's Woods

Nashville W. - 1 was late 6/3 in our yard

Yellow-throated W. - 1 singing at Sycamore Access, 6/3

Cerulean W. - this species is gone from the old colony site N₁ of Lakeview, probably 20 to housing

developments pushing in from the west, 1 was
singing for the second year in a row about a
mile S. of the old colony on 6/11, in an area a bit more remote
Red start - present in Walnut Woods 6/23, Bronas Woods 6/9
Prothonotary W. - 1 at Sycamore Access 6/3

Over bird - a total of 10, in various locations
around Saylorsville 7/7, 7/14

Kentucky Warbler - 1 was acting very territorial on
6/11, N. of Lakeview

Scrub Wren - ~~1~~ total of 7 in various locations, 6/23,
7/7, 7/14 (Bronas Woods, Saylorsville)

Dickcissel - common in Polk Co

Towhee - 2 Polk Co. locations 6/16, 7/7

Savannah Sp. - 6 singing at Errington 6/8

Grasshopper Sp. - common in Polk Co, Now singing ⁱⁿ grassy
areas among the new developments in West Des Moines

Y. H. Blackbird - there is now a large colony at
Errington

G.T. Grackle - 2 males and a female were present at
Errington on 6/3