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Dear

The following is my summer report for '94.

Pacific Loon: still present 7/24

W. Pelican: 75 had returned to a pond near Big Creek on 7/24

Green-backed Heron: 5 were at the N. end of Big Creek on 7/16

Great Blue Heron: the Saylorville colony was active with slightly over 100 nests found.

Snow goose: the Terra Pond blue phase goose seems to be permanent resident now.

Lesser Scaup: the above goose has been joined by a male of this species that spent the summer

Yellowlegs: both species returned to Big Creek by 7/16

Sands Sandpiper: A pair of this species were a bit early on 7/16

Franklin's Gull: first returnee on 7/24 at Saylorville

R.B. Gull: some adults were scattered among the 10-20 Gulls that summered.

Forster's Tern: first return on 7/16

Black Tern: first return on 7/24

Coopers Hawk: Two were circling an old nest site at Saylorville on 6/4

Broad-winged Hawk: I have seen summer birds for years, off and on along various Des Moines River locations. Two adults were clearly defending a nest site at Yellow-Bark Park on 6/18. On 7/24 an adult and an immature were seen. I understand a pair may also have nested near Saylorville.

Black-billed Cuckoo: I did not see a single bird

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: seems fairly regular

Western Kingbird: the pair at the Capitol were present 6/18

Cliff Swallow: several colonies are in the Saylorsville area, 400+ nests at Sycamore access on 6/11

Carolina Wren: I found none this summer

Sage Wren: Remains common around ~~Saylorsville~~ Saylorsville prairies

Gnatcatcher: 4 separate Polk Co. locations

→ Veery: A pair were present N. of Lakeview on 6/4. This is an area that I have found summer Veery off and on.

L. Shrike: found in three Polk County locations

Yellow-throated Vireo: three Polk County locations

Bell's Vireo: Remains common in the Big Creek shelter belts

Wood Thrush: I could not find this species on 6/4 along the West side of Saylorsville where I used to find about 7. I did find three at Yellow Bank on 6/18, and 2 on the East side of the lake on 7/10.

Prothonotary Warbler - one near the Heaven Colony on 6/11

Parula Warbler - singing Male " " " 6/11

Cerulean Warbler - 4, two farther south than usual, along the west side of Saylorsville on 6/4

Black-throated Green Warbler* - a singing Male was in our yard on 7/3 - I assume an early returnee

Yellow-throated Warbler - one near the Heaven colony on 6/11

Yellow Warbler - 12 at various Saylorsville locations on 6/11

Ovenbird - 4 on West side of Saylorsville on 6/4, down somewhat from previous years

Redstart - found at 5 locations around Saylorville

Dickcissel - 43 on a trip around the lake on 7/16

Scarlet tanager - I could find none on the west side of Saylorville on 6/4

* Breeding plumage, yellow face & modest olive ear patch, black throat, onto breast & streaks onto flank; olive back, white belly; two white wing bars; typical song

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