

SPRING 1996 IOWA FIELD REPORT

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Comments

Large numbers of waterfowl were still present in late March. Tens of thousands of diving ducks, mostly Canvasback and Lesser Scaup, were present on 30 Mar on Pool 19 of the Mississippi River in Lee Co; my estimates of 10,000 each are conservative.

In late April extremely low water levels on the Coralville Reservoir provided extensive habitat for shorebirds. Thousands of individuals and at least 20 species were present between 26-28 Apr. Rising water in early May covered the mudflats.

The May passerine migration was delayed, but impressive when it finally arrived. The bulk of the warblers were seen between 11 May and 16 May as weather fronts stalled over Iowa. I observed 167 individuals of 23 species of warblers on 11 May at Lake MacBride State Park, and 172 individuals of 20 species on 16 May north of Stone City in Jones Co. A smaller wave of late warblers and flycatchers was seen on 26 May at MacBride Nature Recreation Area in Johnson Co. Small numbers of passerine migrants were seen through the end of the period.

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✓ Common Loon	4	5 Apr	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Horned Grebe	2	5 Apr	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Eared Grebe	5	28 Apr	Amana Lake, Iowa Co.	
✓ Red-necked Grebe Adult in alternate plumage.	1	13 May	Amana Lake, Iowa Co.	
✓ American Bittern	1	28 Apr	Otter Creek Marsh, Tama Co.	
✓ Great Egret	8	7 Apr	Cone Marsh, Louisa Co.	First
✓ Yellow-crowned Night-heron	1	2 May	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	Adult
✓ Greater White-fronted Goose	30	3 Mar	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	First, Peak
✓ Greater White-fronted Goose	3	20 Apr	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	Last
✓ Canvasback	10,000	30 Mar	Mississippi River, Lee Co.	Peak
✓ Greater Scaup 5 male, 1 female; rounded head; slightly larger size, larger bill, larger bill nail than nearby L. Scaup	6	6 Apr	Pleasant Creek State Rec. Area, Linn Co.	
✓ Lesser Scaup	10,000	30 Mar	Mississippi River, Lee Co.	Peak
✓ Bufflehead	40	6 Apr	Pleasant Creek State Rec. Area, Linn Co.	Peak
✓ Hooded Merganser	1	14 May	Yellow River State Forest, Allamakee Co.	Female
✓ Osprey	1	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	Last
✓ Cooper's Hawk Pair defending a large stick nest.	2	14 May	Effigy Mounds NM, Allamakee Co.	
✓ Sora	2	28 Apr	Otter Creek Marsh, Tama Co.	First
✓ Sandhill Crane	4	28 Apr	Otter Creek Marsh, Tama Co.	
✓ Black-bellied Plover	1	27 Apr	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	First
✓ American Golden-Plover	40	27 Apr	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	Peak
✓ Semipalmated Plover	50	27 Apr	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	Peak
✓ Black-necked Stilt See separate documentation.	3	19 May	S. of Ainsworth, Washington Co.	
✓ American Avocet	1	27 Apr	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	

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✓ Lesser Yellowlegs	300	27 Apr	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	Peak
✓ Willet	1	27 Apr	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	
✓ Spotted Sandpiper	3	5 May	Swan Lake, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Hudsonian Godwit	6	27 Apr	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	Peak
✓ Marbled Godwit	1	28 Apr	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	Peak
			Much larger than nearby Hudsonian Godwits; buffy underwings.	
✓ Sanderling	3	26,27 Apr	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	Peak
✓ Baird's Sandpiper	8	26,27 Apr	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	Peak
✓ Dunlin	10	27 Apr	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	Peak
✓ Wilson's Phalarope	2	21 Apr	Amana Lake, Iowa Co.	First
✓ Wilson's Phalarope	8	26 Apr	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	Peak
✓ Franklin's Gull	1	6 Apr	Swan Lake, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Forster's Tern	2	20 Apr	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Long-eared Owl	2	3 Mar	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	Last
✓ Common Nighthawk	1	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Olive-sided Flycatcher	2	26 May	MacBride Nature Rec. Area, Johnson Co.	
✓ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	17 May	Palisades-Kepler State Park, Linn Co.	First
✓ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	30 May	Hanging Rock Woods, Johnson Co.	Last
✓ Acadian Flycatcher	2	16 May	N. of Stone City, Jones Co.	First
✓ Acadian Flycatcher	5	27 May	Croton Unit, Shimek State Forest, Lee Co.	Peak
✓ Alder Flycatcher	1	26 May	MacBride Nature Rec. Area, Johnson Co.	
			Singing "fee-bee-o".	
✓ Least Flycatcher	1	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Great Crested Flycatcher	3	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ N. Rough-winged Swallow	5	20 Apr	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Barn Swallow	15	20 Apr	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First

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✓ Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	16 May	N. of Stone City, Jones Co.	Last
✓ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	2	28 Apr	Otter Creek Marsh, Tama Co.	First
✓ Veery	2	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Swainson's Thrush	4	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Swainson's Thrush	8	16 May	N. of Stone City, Jones Co.	Peak
✓ Gray Catbird	2	5 May	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Solitary Vireo	2	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Philadelphia Vireo	1	19 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Philadelphia Vireo	1	26 May	MacBride Nature Rec. Area, Johnson Co.	Last
✓ Blue-winged Warbler	3	27 May	Croton Unit, Shimek State Forest, Lee Co.	
✓ Golden-winged Warbler	2	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Golden-winged Warbler	10	16 May	N. of Stone City, Jones Co.	Peak
✓ Tennessee Warbler	2	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Tennessee Warbler	10	19 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	Peak
✓ Tennessee Warbler	2	27 May	Croton Unit, Shimek State Forest, Lee Co.	Last
✓ Nashville Warbler	7	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Nashville Warbler	1	26 May	MacBride Nature Rec. Area, Johnson Co.	Last
✓ Northern Parula	2	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Chestnut-sided Warbler	2	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Chestnut-sided Warbler	30	16 May	N. of Stone City, Jones Co.	Peak
✓ Chestnut-sided Warbler	2	26 May	MacBride Nature Rec. Area, Johnson Co.	Last
✓ Magnolia Warbler	4	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Magnolia Warbler	14	16 May	N. of Stone City, Jones Co.	Peak
✓ Magnolia Warbler	2	25 May	N. of Stone City, Jones Co.	Last

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✓ Cape May Warbler	1	13 May	Cedar Lake, Linn Co.	First
✓ Cape May Warbler	3	14 May	Effigy Mounds NM, Allamakee Co.	Peak
✓ Cape May Warbler	2	14 May	Yellow River State Forest, Allamakee Co.	
✓ Cape May Warbler	2	16 May	N. of Stone City, Jones Co.	Last
✓ Yellow-rumped Warbler	48	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	Peak
✓ Black-throated Green Warbler	8	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First, Peak
✓ Black-throated Green Warbler	1	26 May	MacBride Nature Rec. Area, Johnson Co.	Last
✓ Blackburnian Warbler	1	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Blackburnian Warbler	4	16 May	N. of Stone City, Jones Co.	Peak
✓ Blackburnian Warbler	1	26 May	MacBride Nature Rec. Area, Johnson Co.	Last
✓ Yellow-throated Warbler	1	11, 19 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	
✓ Pine Warbler	1	16 May	N. of Stone City, Jones Co.	
			Male; yellow throat and breast; two white wing bars; olive-green crown and bck; singing.	
✓ Prairie Warbler	2	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	
			One male, one female	
✓ Prairie Warbler	2	19 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	
			Two males singing on separate territories ¼ mile apart.	
✓ Palm Warbler	1	26 Apr	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Bay-breasted Warbler	3	11 May	MacBride Nature Rec. Area, Johnson Co.	First, Peak
✓ Blackpoll Warbler	2	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Blackpoll Warbler	2	26 May	MacBride Nature Rec. Area, Johnson Co.	Last
✓ Cerulean Warbler	1	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Cerulean Warbler	2	14 May	Effigy Mounds NM, Allamakee Co.	
✓ Cerulean Warbler	4	27 May	Croton Unit, Shimek State Forest, Lee Co.	
✓ Black-and-white Warbler	5	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Black-and-white Warbler	22	16 May	N. of Stone City, Jones Co.	Peak
✓ American Redstart	3	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First

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✓ American Redstart	30	16 May	N. of Stone City, Jones Co.	Peak
✓ Worm-eating Warbler	2	27 May	Croton Unit, Shimek State Forest, Lee Co.	
✓ Ovenbird	20	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First, Peak
✓ Northern Waterthrush	2	5 May	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Louisiana Waterthrush	1	27 May	Croton Unit, Shimek State Forest, Lee Co.	
✓ Kentucky Warbler	4	27 May	Croton Unit, Shimek State Forest, Lee Co.	
✓ Connecticut Warbler	1	19 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	
✓ Mourning Warbler	1	17 May	Palisades-Kepler State Park, Linn Co.	First
✓ Mourning Warbler	3	26 May	MacBride Nature Rec. Area, Johnson Co.	Peak
✓ Mourning Warbler	1	30 May	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	Last
✓ Common Yellowthroat	1	5 May	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Wilson's Warbler	4	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Wilson's Warbler	20	16 May	N. of Stone City, Jones Co.	Peak
✓ Canada Warbler	3	16 May	N. of Stone City, Jones Co.	First, Peak
✓ Canada Warbler	2	27 May	Croton Unit, Shimek State Forest, Lee Co.	Last
✓ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Indigo Bunting	1	11 May	MacBride Nature Rec. Area, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Eastern Towhee	1	30 Mar	Croton Unit, Shimek State Forest, Lee Co.	First
✓ Clay-colored Sparrow	1	5 May	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	
✓ Lark Sparrow	1	26 Apr	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Savannah Sparrow	2	26 Apr	Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co.	First
✓ Rusty Blackbird	4	30 Mar	Heron Bend North, Lee Co.	First
✓ Northern Oriole	10	11 May	Lake MacBride State Park, Johnson Co.	First, Peak
✓ Purple Finch	6	13 May	N. of Stone City, Jones Co.	Last