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SPRING 1994 FIELD REPORT

Jim, the waterfowl migration in March/April seemed healthy in eastern Iowa. Shorebird diversity this spring seemed high but numbers were only about average. I will remember May 1994 more for its cool temperatures than for its songbird migration. Everything arrived late following repeated cold fronts on April 30 and the first week of May. Numbers for warblers were unimpressive even at the migration peak May 8-18. Still, it was a joy to see the warblers in Hickory Hill Park. I'm going to miss it next year.

March 1994

imm. Red-shouldered Hawk n. of Iowa City (Johnson Co.) on the 5th
Rough-legged Hawk at Kent Park (Johnson Co.) on the 5th
"Harlan's" Red-tailed Hawk over Coralville (Johnson Co.) on the 5th
(Good movement of red-tails through Johnson Co. on the 5th-6th)
First Great Blue Heron and Gadwall for the year in Iowa City
(Johnson Co.) on the 5th
Five duck species at Cone Marsh (Louisa Co.) on the 6th, including
early N. Shovelers (2) and Ring-necked Ducks (20)
Nine duck species on Swan Lake (Johnson Co.) on the 19th, including
20 Redheads
N. Harrier along Greencastle Rd. (Johnson Co.) on the 19th
First Turkey Vulture for the year in Jasper Co. on the 20th
Bonaparte's Gull at Lake MacBride (Johnson Co.) on the 31st
Two Red-breasted Nuthatches at my peanut feeder in Iowa City
(Johnson Co.) all month

April 1994

Swan Lake (Johnson Co.) on the 1st,
First Common Loon for the year (adult in alternate plumage)
Greater Scaup, 2 males...see key details
North of Waukon (Allamakee Co.) on the 2nd,
Cooper's Hawk (1)
Pileated Woodpecker (1)
Yellow River Forest (Allamakee Co.) on the 2nd,
Red-shouldered Hawk (1)
Ruffed Grouse (1, red phase, probable male)
Short-eared Owl flying high and southwestward along Hwy. 18 (Clayton Co.)
on the 2nd
100+ longspurs (mostly Smith's) west of Conesville (Louisa Co.) on the 9th
Otter Creek Marsh (Tama Co.) on the 17th,
Greater Scaup, pair identified in flight by bold white stripe which
extended out to end of primaries
Sandhill Crane (1), E66 and "R" Ave.

April 1994

Otter Creek Marsh (Tama Co.) on the 17th,

First Least Sandpiper for the year

First Yellow-headed Blackbirds (2) for the year

A late Rusty Blackbird

South of Belle Plaine (Benton Co.) on the 17th,

First Yellow-headed Blackbirds (5) for the year

First House Wren for the year in Iowa City (Johnson Co.) on the 21st

First Chimney Swifts for the year in Iowa City (Johnson Co.) on the 23rd

In Johnson County on the 24th,

Willetts (20) at Babcock Access

First Dunlin for the year at Round Lake

First Great Crested Flycatcher for the year along Swan Lake Rd.

Pine Warbler (1) along DuPont bridge road...see details

First Palm Warblers⁽⁵⁾ for the year along DuPont bridge road, Swan Lake Rd.

First Cliff Swallows (~30) for the year in Iowa City (Johnson Co.)
on the 26th

Sand Point Lane (Johnson Co.) on the 26th,

Female Wild Turkey flushed from nest (1 egg)

First Nashville Warbler for the year

First Yellow Warbler for the year

First Black-and-white Warbler for the year

Solitary Vireo (1) and Carolina Wren (1) in Hickory Hill Park (Johnson Co.) on the 29th

1-2 Red-breasted Nuthatches at my peanut feeder in Iowa City (Johnson Co.) all month

American Pipit (2) at Cone Marsh (Louisa Co.) on the 9th, (8+) at Otter Creek Marsh (Tama Co.) on the 17th, (1) along Swan Lake Rd. (Johnson Co.) on the 24th...they seemed more conspicuous this year.

Last Pine Siskin in Iowa City (Johnson Co.) on the 23rd

May 1994

Cone Marsh (Louisa Co.) on the 1st,

Lingering male N. Shoveler

Short-billed Dowitcher (11, all hendersoni)

Loggerhead Shrike (1)

First Warbling Vireos (5) for the year

Lark Sparrow (1)

Last Red-breasted Nuthatch at my peanut feeder in Iowa City (Johnson Co.)
on the 1st

Hickory Hill Park (Johnson Co.) on the 8th,

First Least Flycatchers (2) for the year *(seemed late)*

Golden-winged Warbler (2 males)

First Black-throated Green Warbler for the year *(seemed late)*

First Am. Redstart for the year *(late)*

First Ovenbirds (4+) for the year "

First Bobolink for the year

May 1994

- Cone Marsh (Louisa Co.) on the 9th,
Adult Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (unmistakeable, seen by others)
White-eyed Vireo (1)
- Female **Surf Scoter** at Pleasant Creek Lake (Linn Co.) on the 9th...see details
- Hickory Hill Park (Johnson Co.) on the 10th,
First Chestnut-sided Warbler (1) for the year
First Blackpoll Warbler (1) for the year
- Clay-colored Sparrow (1) in Iowa City (Johnson Co.) on the 10th
- First Common Nighthawk over downtown Iowa City (Johnson Co.) on the 13th
- Hickory Hill Park (Johnson Co.) on the 15th,
Last migrant Broad-winged Hawk for the spring
First Red-eyed Vireos (5) for the year *(late)*
First Magnolia Warbler for the year *(late)*
Bay-breasted Warbler (1)
First Indigo Buntings (2) for the year *(late)*
Last Yellow-rumped Warblers (3) for the spring
- Male Cape May Warbler in Iowa City (Johnson Co.) on the 16th, Jose Manaligod fide Randy Pinkston
- Hickory Hill Park (Johnson Co.) on the 18th,
First E. Wood-Pewees (2) for the year *(late)*
First Yellow-bellied Flycatcher for the year
First Wilson's Warbler for the year *(late)*
- Ledges State Park (Boone Co.) on the 21st,
Broad-winged Hawk (3)
Yellow-throated Warbler (1)
Louisiana Waterthrush (2)
- Last Tennessee Warbler for the spring on ISU campus in Ames (Story Co.) on the 22nd
- "Peterson Pits" Mine Reclamation Area (Story Co.) on the 22nd,
Adult **Mississippi Kite**...see details
First Alder Flycatcher for the year
- Alder Flycatchers at McFarland Park (Story Co.) on the 22nd, Hickory Hill Park (Johnson Co.) on the 24th-25th, and at Sweet Marsh (Bremer Co.) on the 26th...seemed more conspicuous this year.
- Wood Thrush at McFarland Park (Story Co.) on the 22nd
- Last Swainson's Thrush for the spring at Hickory Hill Park (Johnson Co.) on the 24th
- Singing male Black-and-white Warbler at Hickory Hill Park (Johnson Co.) on the 25th (potential nester this late?)
- Sweet Marsh (Bremer Co.) on the 26th,
Least Bittern (1)
Osprey (1)
Sora (1)
Purple Gallinule...see details
Swamp Sparrow (singing bird, potential nest site)
- Wilson's Phalarope along Lewis Bottoms Rd. (Linn Co.) on the 26th