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Field Reports - 3/94 - 5/94

Horned Grebe - 1 at Big Creek L., Polk Co., 4/2

Eared Grebe - 1-3 present at Terra Lake, Johnston, Polk Co. 4/17 - 5/4

Cattle Egret - 1 near Otter Creek, Tama Co. 4/16
2 at Terra Lake 4/25

Green-backed Heron - 1 at Polk City W.A. 4/24

Black-crowned Night Heron - 4 at Polk City W.A. 4/9
3 at Big Creek 4/17

Yellow-crowned Night Heron - 1 at Polk City W.A. 5/14

Gr. White-fronted Goose - 2 at Terra Lake 3/31 - 5/25
High of 110 at Lakin Sl., Guthrie Co. 4/8

Snow Goose - Another "Blue" has joined the permanent resident at Terra Lake.
Still present 5/25.

Lesser Scaup - 3 still at Terra Lake 5/31

Red-breasted ^{Merganser} - ~~2~~ Last were 2 at Terra Lake 5/10.

Black Scoter - Male in perfect breeding plumage at Big Creek 4/9

Mississippi Kite - 1 at Ledges S.P. Boone Co. 5/14 (Document separately)
seen by the Des Moines Audubon group.

Broadwinged Hawk - 2 at Ledges 5/14, 5/22.

Merlin - 1 near Big Creek, 5/11

Gray Partridge - Gone from Central Iowa!

Wild Turkey - Numbers around Saylorville seem to be down.

Virginia Rail - 1st at Snake Creek Marsh, Greene Co. 5/10 + 5/11

Semipalmated Plover - 32 at McCord's Pond, Greene Co., 5/11 Good #s in migration this year.

Piping Plover - 1 at Oak Grove Beach, Saylorville, 5/10

Ruddy Turnstone - 1 at Big Creek 5/13

Least Sandpiper - 65 at Polk City W.A. 5/10

White-rumped Sandpiper - First were 3 at McCord's Pond 5/11

Baird's Sandpiper - High of 25 at Polk City W.A. 5/9

Dowitcher - First one at McCord's Pond, 5/11

Stilt Sandpiper - 3 at McCord's Pond, 5/11

Short-billed Dowitcher - Identified the following breeding-plumaged birds by lack of spotting on foreneck - 1 at Saylorville 5/4, 9 at Polk City W.A. 5/9

Long-billed Dowitcher - Good look at one with heavy spotting on foreneck at Polk City W.A., 5/9

American Woodcock - Up to 8 displaying at Red-Feather Prairie, Saylorville Res. through 5/4.

Black-billed Cuckoo - First at Ledges S.P. 5/14

Pileated Woodpecker - 1 at Ledges S.P. 5/11 + 5/14 a first for me there.

Olive-sided Flycatcher - 1 at Saylorville ~~5/15~~ 5/22

Western Kingbird - 1 at Big Creek, 5/11

Carolina Wren - 1 occasionally visited my yard through 4/15.

1 at Saylorville Res. 5/2

Sedge Wren - Still present at Red Feather Prairie, Saylorville Res., 5/30

Hermit Thrush - Singles at Loken Slough on 4/8, Saylorville 4/9

Wood Thrush - My neighborhood pair showed up 4/25. Still present 5/31

Bell's Vireo - I know of 3 on territory around Saylorville Res.

Philadelphia Vireo - 1 at Saylorville 5/9

Golden-winged Warbler - 1 at Saylorville Res. 5/9

Palm Warbler - ~~Best migration for~~ Largest numbers of Palm Warblers I've ever seen!
~~Very~~ Common ~~at~~ from 4/23 - 5/15

Prothonotary Warbler - 1 at Ledges S.P., 5/11

Kentucky Warbler - 1 at Ledges S.P. 5/10, 5/14, 5/22 ~~at Bay~~
1 at Springbrook S.P., Guthrie Co., 5/11

Clay-colored Sparrow - Last at Ledges S.P. 5/14

Lark Sparrow - Singles at Saylorville Res., 5/8 + Ledges S.P. 5/22

Savannah Sparrow - 1 very early 3/20 at Saylorville Res. Close range look
at the yellow lores.

Song Sparrow - Very impressive wave around Saylorville on 3/20. Flocks of
10-20 were ~~everywhere~~ everywhere around the lake.

White-throated Sparrow - 200-300 were on the trail to Lost Lake,
Ledges S.P. on 5/10. On 5/11, only 2 remained.

Purple Finch - Last 2 at my feeder 4/24