Iowa Field Reports-Spring 1994

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Common Loon-1 on 20 May in Polk Co. (+G. Brown)

Eared Grebe-1 on 29 May at Grover L.

Western Grebe-1 on 29 May at Trumbull L.; 3, including a courting pair, on 29 May at Grover L.

American White Pelican-300 on 25 May at Badger L., Monona Co.

American Bittern-1 on 29 May at Dewey's Pasture

Cattle Egret-1 on 20 May at Big Creek L. (+G. Brown)

Black-crowned Night-Heron-10, including birds carying nesting material, on 29 May at Grover L.

Greater White-fronted Goose-3 on 25-26 May at Blue L.; 1 on 30 May at Swan L., Dickinson Co.

Snow Goose-2 on 21 May at Dunbar S1.; 6 on 25-26 May at Blue L.; 3 on 25 May at Badger L.; 2 on 28 May in w. Sioux Co.; 15 on 29 May at Dan Green S1., where there were still 200 on 16 May (Marty Eby fide SJD); 3 on 30 May at Swan L., Dickinson Co.

American Black Duck-a pair on 19-22 May at Saylorville; 1 male on 27 May at Jemmerson SI.

American Wigeon-1 female on 19-22 May at Saylorville; 2 males and 1 female on 25-26 May at Blue L.; 1 male on 27 May at Meinking M. Canvasback-1 male on 26 May at Blue L.

Lesser Scaup-1 male on 20 May at the IPTV Ponds in Johnstgon (+G. Brown); 1 male on 21 May at Dunbar SI.; a pair on 25-26 May at Blue L.; 1 male on 27 May at McBreen M.

Bufflehead-1 female on 30 May at Swan L., Dickinson Co.

Red-breasted Merganser-1 female on 27 May at West Okoboji L.

Osprey-1 on 25 May at Brown's L.

Northern Harrier-a pair was calling and mobbing me on 29 May in NW Clay Co. (probably nesting)

Red-shouldered Hawk-1 adult on 28 May in w. Lyon Co.

Common Moorhen-1 on 25 May at Blue L.

Black-bellied Plover-32 on 19 May at Saylorville; 7 on 25 May and 1 on 26 May at Blue L.

American Golden-Plover-3 on 29 May near Rush L., Palo Alto Co.

Greater Yellowlegs-1 on 25 May at Blue L. (with Lessers-noted longer,

slightly upturned bill, louder, harsher call note when flushed)

Hudsonian Godwit-3 on 26 May at Blue L.

Marbled Godwit-1 on 30 May at Cunningham S1., Emmet Co. (flushed bird to see cinnamon rump and wing linings)

Ruddy Turnstone-2 on 25 May at 11 on 26 May at Blue L.

Sanderling-2 on 22 May at Saylorville; 1 on 27 May at Spirit L.

Least Sandpiper-2 on 29 May near Rush L., Palo Alto Co.

Wilson's Phalarope-a pair copulating on 27 May at Kettleson WPA

Franklin's Gull-numerous in late May in NW Iowa, including a peak of 300 on 29 May at Kettleson WPA, Dickinson Co.

Bonaparte's Gull-1 imm. on 20 May at Saylorville (+G. Brown)

Herring Gull-3 imm. (2nd/3rd summer) on 27 May at Sandbar S1. (w. side of Spirit L.); 1 2nd-summer bird on 29 May at Kettleson WPA

Common Tern-6 on 19 May at Big Creek L.; 11 on 20 May at Saylorville (+6. Brown)(calls heard, also noted darker outer primary shafts)

Least Tern-2 on 26 May s. of Westfield

Black Tern-485 on 25 May at Blue L.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher-1 calling on 26 May at Stone S.P.

Alder Flycatcher-1 on 25 May at Lewis and Clark S.P.; 2 on 29 May at Trumbull L.

Wood Thrush-singles on 28 May at the Olson Tract, Big Sioux W.A., Lyon Co. and on 30 May at Ingham L. were slightly unusual for NW Iowa White-eyed Vireo-1 on 30 May at Ingham L.

Tennessee Washless 1 on 30 May at Trumbull

Tennessee Warbler-1 on 29 May at Trumbull L.

Blackburnian Warbler-2 on 20 May at Walnut Woods S.P. (+G. Brown) Black-and-white Warbler-1 on 31 May at Mini Wakan S.P.

Prothonotary Warbler-1 on 20,22 May at Walnut Woods S.P. (+G. Brown); 1 on 22 May at Brenton's SI., Dallas Co.

Kentucky Warbler-1 on 20,22 May at Brown's Woods, Polk Co. (+G. Brown); 2 on 26 May at Stone S.P.

Connecticut Warbler-1 on 22 May near Ledges S.P.

Summer Tanager-1 male on 22 May at Brown's Woods, Polk Co.

LeConte's Sparrow-1 on 21 May at Snake Creek M. (+m.ob.)(very rusty sparrow, light central crown stripe, prominent black and rusty streaks on back, grayish auricular patch, white lower belly)

Sharp-tailed Sparrow-1 on 20 May at Chichauqua W.A., Polk Co. (+G. Brown)(a small, dark-backed sparrow, buffy underneath, grayish central crown stripe and nape, lower belly white)

Great-tailed Grackle-1 male on 21 May at Finn Pond; 3 males on 21 May at Dunbar SI.; 1 female on 22 May at Teig's M., Story Co.; at least 15 (10 males, 5 females) on 25-26 May at Blue L.; a pair building a nest on 29 May at Dan Green SI.