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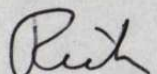
Dear Tom,

I stopped by Cone Marsh en route to Missouri on Friday but the water level was too high for shorebirds. There was one black tern flying about over the big pool north of the east-west road across the south edge of the marsh.

But by Sunday evening (7/24) on my return trip the water was lower and there were a few shorebirds, most at the far north end of the area. But eight of the nine birds close to the south edge along the road were solitary sandpipers, the other a lesser yellowlegs. And 21 of the 33 shorebirds along the far edge also were solitary's.

This wasn't quite so many as the 71 my brother and I saw there in July 13, 1980, but still the largest concentration that I have observed since then.

Regards,



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