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Bird Report: Summer 1996

Screech Owl (red phase)

Seen all work days June 6th - 20th (June 6,7;10-14;17-20) in the same silver maple tree on I.S.U. campus in Ames. It had a favorite perch, possibly 15 feet up, over a white-washed area on the sidewalk, but sometimes was perched on other branches in the tree.

On June 6th the owl was first seen on the sidewalk with its wings half spread. When it saw me it flew up into the tree and a 3/4's grown chipmunk escaped - seemingly somewhat the worst for the experience. This was just after 3 pm on a gloomy overcast day. On June 7th a pellet which contained a small rodent skull was found near the biggest white-washed patch on the sidewalk.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

2 June 1 Brookside Park; seen and heard; last of "spring"

American Redstart

8 June 1 black male; Brookside Park; singing 40 to 60 feet up in trees; observed about 20 minutes

Mourning Warbler

3 June 1 singing male; I.S.U. campus, Ames (in yew bushes between Beardshear Hall and Carver Hall); last of "spring"

Pine Siskin

2 pair?; were seen together on June 10, 13, 14; had seen and heard Pine Siskins thruout April and May on I.S.U. campus, usually in the area between the Memorial Union, the Music Building and S.E. of Beardshear Hall

also early June