

5/31/98

Spring Report

All reports from the Saylorsville area, unless otherwise noted.

- ✓ A. Bittern: 1 on 4/26 at Errington Marsh
 - ✓ B.C. Night Heron: 1 on 5/3
 - ✓ Canvasback: 354 on 3/7
 - ✓ Redhead: ~~150 on 3/7~~ 232 on 3/14
 - ✓ H. Merganser: 75 on 3/7
 - ✓ R.B. Merg: 323 on 4/7
 - ✓ Bald Eagle: 198 on 3/21
 - ✓ Merlin: 1 on 4/26 near Mockley Prairie
- shorebirds: This was the worst spring for shorebirds in Polk Co., that I can recall. I have nothing of interest to report. Saylorsville was high, other areas were nearly dry.
- ✓ Common tern: 1 at Sandpaper beach 5/23; 2 at Errington 5/24
 - ✓ Black tern: 6/3 on 5/16
 - ✓ Carolina Wren: 2 returned to our neighborhood 3/22
 - ✓ Marsh Wren: 53 Saylorsville; 5/24 Errington
 - ✓ N. Mockingbird: 1 near Brenton's feed lots (Dallas Co) 5/30
 - ✓ Bell's Wren: returned to Big Creek shelterbelts 5/23
- Warblers, not unlike shorebirds, trickled through. I missed several common species
- ✓ Hooded Warbler: 1 was singing near our home 5/25, in same location as last year, and not far from location of Summer '93,
 - ✓ Kentucky Warbler: 1 near our home 5/25
 - ✓ Bobolink: numerous on Mockley by 5/30, where

cattle were not yet grazing
✓ Orchard Oriole: 1 on 5/23

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