

SPRING MIGRATION - Iowa

March, warm and dry. April, cool and wet. May, warm and wet. June, first half, warm and dry.

Loons. Two Arctic well seen near Des Moines on 6 May (Dick Mooney & Brown). What must have been one of these still present on 3 June. Still in winter plumage. *would believe it in spring plumage!*

Grebes. Horned scarce. A Western at Morse L. and Red-necked at East Twin L. on 5 May. Both lakes in north central part. (Ron Muilenburg)

Cattle Egrets. Three reports in early May from central or east-central.

White-fronted Geese. Seen much farther east than usual with a flock at L. Odessa in extreme east.

Cinnamon Teal, male with female near Iowa City (F. Kent)

Shorebirds generally few. Willets, 11 near Webster City, north-central on 10 May. (Ron Muilenburg). Avocets, 1 on 24 April (Muilenburg) and 3 near Lamoni, south-central, on 5 May (Mrs. G. DeLong).

Winter Wrens were late in departing.

Townsend's Solitaire on 16 May near Waterloo (Mrs. Clarise Hewitt) is the first spring or summer date. Other records for Iowa are winter.

Warbler migration very spotty.

Sparrows. Good wave in several areas on 6 May, especially Harris' and Clay-colored.

Blue Grosbeaks. Ten, including 5 at one time, seen on a breeding-bird survey in northwest on 29 May (Ron Muilenburg).