

Notes on Iowa Birds During the Summer of 1934.

American Egret. A flock of 36 was seen on June 24, on Green Bay, northeast of Ft. Madison, Lee County. Mr. W. L. Harvey, Deputy Warden, reported that a number of these birds had been present from late in April or early in May. They had frequently been noted since feeding with the Great Blue Herons and Black-crowned Night Herons. No nests were found. A single bird was observed in the marsh south of Elk Lake, Clay County, July 12.

Redhead. Twelve birds (of both sexes) were seen on the east end of High Lake, Emmet County, July 4.

Lesser Scaup Duck. One male and two females were observed on the east end of High Lake, July 4.

Ruddy Duck. At least twenty adults were noted on the east end of High Lake, July 4. Logan J. Bennett found nests of this species and the Redhead in this locality the present nesting season.

Hooded Merganser. A female was killed by W. F. Kubichek on one of the rearing ponds at Lake Wapello, Davis County, June 18, 1934. A female was noted by the writer on Welch Lake, Dickinson County, July 3.

Swainson's Hawk. Two adults, apparently a mated pair, were seen gyrating over a hardwood grove, east of Gitchie Manitou State Park, in northwest Lyon County, July 1.

Upland Plover. One noted in Washington County, June 17. This species was seen in Jefferson County on June 18, 1932, and during May, 1933.

Solitary Sandpiper. A single female was collected 8 miles southeast of Hawarden, Sioux County, July 1. Examination of the gonads proved this to be a non-breeding bird. Three of these birds were seen at the site of old Bancroft Lake in northwest Kossuth County, on July 5.

Lesser Yellow-legs. A flock of 11 seen on Spirit Lake, July 3. At least 30 were noted on West Twin Lake, Hancock County, July 6.

Pectoral Sandpiper. Two birds were observed on Diamond Lake, Dickinson County, July 3.

Least Sandpiper. Three of these birds noted on Diamond Lake, July 3, and one on West Twin Lake, July 6.

Dowitcher. A flock of 12 was seen on West Twin Lake, July 6, feeding with the Lesser Yellow-legs.

Ring-billed Gull. An immature bird was noted on Green Bay, Lee County, June 24. A flock of eight birds was seen with the Franklin's Gulls on Spirit Lake, Dickinson County, July 3. All were in immature plumage.

Franklin's Gull. A flock of at least 120 birds noted on Spirit Lake, July 3. It is pure speculation whether these represent non-breeding individuals or wanders from the nesting grounds in Jackson County, Minnesota.

Forster's Tern. These birds were noted on most of the lakes of the northwest; at least 50 being present on Spirit Lake, July 3, and 75 on West Twin Lake in Hancock County, July 6.

Least Tern. On May 25, three were noted on Brown's Lake, Woodbury County, and one on Blue Lake, Monona County. On May 30, at least 12 of these birds were seen along the Missouri River in Monona County.

Caspian Tern. On June 3, four of these birds were seen on Lake Wapello, a new artificial lake in Davis County.

Black Tern. A pair was noted on Lilly Lake in the Amana Colony, Iowa County, June 17. By the end of the month migrant birds were seen at several points in southern Iowa.

Burrowing Owl. A pair was noted 5 miles west of Spencer, Clay County, May 24. One bird was seen there on July 12. A single bird was noted in Dewey's Pasture, a state-owned wild life breeding ground near Ruthven, Clay County, June 10. Burrowing Owls were noted in Sioux and Lyon

counties on July 1. A pair of adults with 6 young were seen four miles southeast of Estherville, Emmet County, July 4. One was observed one mile northwest of Everly, Clay County, July 12.

Arkansas Kingbird. Two were seen by the writer 5 miles north of Lakota, Kossuth County, May 22. On June 1, one was seen in Pocahontas County, and one was observed between Pomeroy and Rockwell City, Calhoun County. Mr. D. J. Bullock of Des Moines, found one north of Bondurant, Polk County, June 16. On July 5, one was noted near Ledyard, Kossuth County. Many are noted from Emmet and Palo Alto counties westward and in the extreme northwest part of Lyon they appear to be equally numerous with the Eastern Kingbird.

Tree Swallow. A nesting pair was found at the east end of Green Bay, Lee County, June 25. The nest was located in an opening near the top of a fence post which was standing in several inches of water.

Cliff Swallow. A nesting site containing from 275 to 300 nests was seen at Bluffton, Winneshiek County, July 11. The nests were grouped in three large blocks and attached near the top of the 200 foot perpendicular rock face along the Upper Iowa River. A number of birds were noted.

Mockingbird. Two were seen near Belknap, Davis County, June 21. Another pair was observed north of Lorimor, Union County, June 29.

Lark Sparrow. This species has been noted during the breeding season in Lee, Davis, and Iowa counties.