

Marble Rock, Iowa
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Peter C. Peterson
Davenport, Iowa

Dear Mr. Peterson,

The following is my report on spring migration. As you probably know we had a late spring. And we didn't lack for moisture in this area. I think this had some effect on the duck migration, as I didn't see as many as usual and suppose they just kept going without stopping along the river here, after they once took off from the south.

Sparrow migration was fair--much better than I had hoped for after all the talk we hear about the use of sprays. I added the Leconte Sparrow to my life list this spring--saw just one. Saw the Lark Sparrow again. We had the usual numbers of Harris Sparrows and quite a number of the White-Crowned Sparrows. White-throats do not seem quite so numerous the past few years--perhaps it is the low time in a normal cycle.

The Swainson and Gray-cheeked thrushes were numerous after being very scarce here during last fall's migration.

Saw both the Rufous-sided Towhee and the Scarlet Tanager. These are two species I sometimes seem to miss.

The warbler migration was good. I had a real thrill this year during the warbler migration when I saw my first Prothonotary Warbler. It was a male in full plumage seen on the 4th of May. I saw a female Cerulean Warbler on May 9th. The Tennessee and Myrtle Warblers were the most numerous species as usual. A Cape May Warbler fed at our feeder fastened to our north kitchen window, near the middle of May. Saw a male Mourning Warbler.

The Indigo Bunting are numerous in this area this year. To date I haven't seen a migrant (Loggerhead) Shrike. I fear most hawks were a little less numerous this spring.

Sincerely,

Pearl Knop