

15 August, 1965

AFN - Nesting Season.

May was warm, precip slightly low; June, normal temp and precip; July, cool and quite dry; August, warm days with cool nights averaging out, but very dry.

Herons. All species scarce, Yellow-crowned not seen since May.

Ducks. Wood Ducks seen frequently, appear to have had a good nesting season.

Hawks. Red-tail, scarce; Red-shouldered, not seen since Dec. 1964. Broad-winged thought to have nested in area for several years but none seen since mid-May. Marsh, none since Jan. Sparrow Hawks seemed fewer until mid-July when reports picked up.

Shorebirds. Killdeers very scarce until mid-July. A few Pectorals, Least and Lesser Yellow-legs seen in early July, but fewer since.

Cuckoos. Yellow-billed down from last year, and very few Black-billed.

Worm infestation of trees much less than last year probably the reason.

Red-headed Woodpeckers. Seem to be holding their own with autos and Starlings.

Robins. Lots seen. Bluebirds thought to have a good nesting season.

Mrs. Gladys Black at Pleasantville banded about 115 nestlings from 60 boxes.

Vireos. Red-eyed surprisingly few, and Warbling down

Warblers. Ovenbirds, down. Yellowthroats seemed numerous. Chat, no nesting records this year, one of last year's areas now probably too thickly grown up to suit. Redstarts, very few.

Tanagers. A few records of Scarlet in June only, usually known to nest in area. Summer Tanagers thought to have nested but no nest or young.

A singing male in mature plumage and a singing 2nd-year male carrying food were seen in the same place.

Finches. Indigo Buntings very numerous, Towhees again few for about the third year.

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