

Audubon Field Notes - Summer 1968

May was cool and dry, June also dry and warm on average, but the last week was the beginning of a cool period extending through July. July was wet, but there is still a deficiency for the year to date.

Herons. All scarce. I've seen but 2 Great Blue, 1 pair of Yellow-crn. and a single Black-crn.

* Hawks. Red-tails are few, and again no Red-shouldered. Sparrow hawks seem scarce.

Bobwhites. Heard frequently and a number of broods seen along roads.

Phalaropes. Bob Bergman, a student of Dr. Weller, reports 2 nests, one in Dewey's Pasture and one a mile away. One successful. This is the first nesting in Iowa in many years. Bergman said he would write it up for IBL.

Cuckoos. Few Yellow-billed and I've seen no Black. There are practically no canker worms this summer.

Hummingbirds. Only 1 record.

Kingfishers. Seem few.

Woodpeckers. Lots of adult Redheads, but few immatures as yet.

Brown Thrashers. Seem few.

Thrushes. Robins appear to have a good nesting season. John Faaborg and Jim Rod found Veery nests at Ledges in June.

Shrikes. Seem fewer.

Vireos. Red-eyed again down.

Warblers. Yellow, once common, are again very scarce. Redstarts, ditto. Faaborg and Rod found a number of singing Ceruleans at Ledges.

Grackles. Continue to be a nuisance.

Summer Tanagers. No nest found, but a male seen all spring and summer, and a female was seen recently with the male.

* Wood Ducks. 4 broods at least in Waterworks Park alone. Good season.

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