

Observations of Birds
Northern Great Plains
Eastern Half of North Dakota
(Fall, Spring) 1980, 8/1 to 11/30

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(County, City) where observations made unless otherwise indicated Tewaukon N.W.P.,
Sargent County

Weather Conditions: (Did they noticeably affect bird populations, movements, time of migration, etc.)

Weather unusually mild. Water stayed mostly open until 11/24 when everything froze over. Low temp. was 10°. No snow, little rain during period.

General Observations, Comments:

Waterfowl migration very late.

Directions: Generally report for each species: extreme dates of occurrence, peak numbers, total sightings for uncommon species, average number if present entire period. Additional species can be added at the end of the report. As these will be the rarer species, please give relevant details. Underline unusual species, dates, observations, etc.

Blue List Species, as of 1978, are designated by an asterik. Listing your observations for these species is particularly important.

LOON, Common 8/26 - 1 on Lake Tewaukon DJB

GREBE, Horned

Fared

* Western

Pied-billed

* PELICAN, White 8/30 - 100 on Lk Tewaukon - DGP 10/14 - 3 Tewaukon Refuge - DGP 11/1 - 1 Lake Twk - DGP

* CORMORANT, Dbl.-cr. 9/16 - 250 on " " - DGP / 9/17 - 400 on Sprague Lake - DJB / 11/4 - 1 on Lake Twk

HERON, Great Blue 11/23 - 1 Tewaukon Refuge - DGP

Green

EGRET, Great 8/19 - 2 on Lake Tewaukon - SWB / 8/23 - 7 Tewaukon Refuge - DGP

* NIGHT HERON, Bl.-cr.

* BITTERN, American

SWAN, Whistling 10/5 - 3 on Twk Refuge - DGP / 11/24 - 240 on Lake Twk - DGP

GOOSE, Canada 8/27 - 20 on Alkali Lake - DJB

White-fronted 9/22 - 13 on Twk Refuge - DGP

Snow stragglers here in July 8/4 - 3 Ransom Co. WPA - SWB 11/9 - 36,000 on Refuge

DUCK, Mallard

Gadwall

Pintail

Green-winged Teal

Blue-winged Teal

Am. Wigeon

N. Shoveler

Wood 7/18 - about 3-4 brood of young, Ransom Co. WPA, D.J.B.

Redhead

Ring-necked

* Canvasback

Scaup (Lesser)

Common Goldeneye 11/5 - 1 on Lake Twk, DGP } first sightings

Bufflehead 10/7 - 3 on Lake Twk, DJB

Ruddy

no thing unusual on ducks

MERGANSER, Hooded

11/14 - 2 ^(pair) on Fedge Lake, Sargent Co. DGP (female shot)

Common

Red-breasted

VULTURE, Turkey

*HAWK, Sharp-shinned

* Cooper's

9/9 - 2 Twk H.Q. - DGP

Red-tailed

Broad-winged

Swainson's

Rough-legged

* Ferruginous

EAGLE, Golden

10/20 - 1 Ransom Co. WPA, SWB / ~~11/4~~ 11/4 - 2 Alkali Slough, SWB / 11/6 - 1 on Refuge

Sargent Co. Bald 10/9 - 1 adult 10/27 - 1 imm. Twk. HQ, DGP / 11/4 - 1 imm. Twk Ref., DJB / 11/5 - 11/7 scattered single obs
WPA - DGP
*HAWK, Marsh

* OSPREY

9/17 + 9/21 + 9/22 - 1 on Lake TeWaukon - DGP

* FALCON, Prairie

* MERLIN

* KESTREL, Am.

GROUSE, Ruffed

CHICKEN, Gr. Prairie

11/2 - 1 Richland Co. WPA, DGP

* GROUSE, Sharp-tailed

11/4 - Twk. Refuge, C.S. / 11/20 - 24 - 3 to 10 birds - Sargt Co WPA

PHEASANT, Ring-necked

9/24 - 6-8 chicks in brood / 10/2 - brood of small ones / Refuge, DJB

PARTRIDGE, Gray

TURKEY

CRANE, Sandhill

10/7 - 1 on Twk Ref, DJB / 10/19 - 1 on Twk Ref., DGP

RAIL, Virginia

10/22 on Sargent Co. WPA, DGP

SORA

COOT, American

11/15 - 4 (maybe cripples?) on Fedge Lake, Sargent Co, DGP

PLOVER, Semipalmated

* Piping

KILLDEER

not young
immature

PLOVER, Am. Golden

Black-bellied

TURNSTONE, Ruddy

SNIPE, Common

10/24 - many in mud sloughs Sargent Co., DGP

CURLEW, Long-billed

*SANDPIPER, Upland

Spotted

Solitary

WILLET

YELLOWLEGS, Greater

Lesser

10/26 - 2 Twk Ref., DGP

SANDPIPER, Pectoral

White-rumped

Baird's

Least

DUNLIN

DOWITCHER, (Long-billed)

SANDPIPER, Stilt

Semipalmated

Buff-breasted

GODWIT, Marbled

Hudsonian

SANDERLING

AVOCET, American

PHALAROPE, Wilson's

Northern

GULL, Herring

California

Ring-billed

Franklin's

Bonaparte's

TERN, Forster's

* Common

* Black

DOVE, Mourning

CUCKOO, Black-billed

* OWL, Burrowing

Great Horned

many in & near refuge, DGP

Snowy

11/7-1 Ransom Co. WPA, DGP / several reported sightings 11/10-11/24 Twk

Long-eared

* Short-eared

10/25 about - 1 in open field off Twk Ref, DGP

WHIP-POOR-WILL

NIGHTHAWK, Common

SWIFT, Chimney

* HUMMINGBIRD, Ruby-throated

KINGFISHER, Belted

FLICKER, Common

WOODPECKER, Pileated

10/26-1 Sheyenne River bottoms south of Lisbon, N.D - DGP

* Red-headed

SAPSUCKER, Yellow-bellied

* WOODPECKER, Hairy

Downy

11/19 2 Twk Ref DJB

KINGBIRD, Eastern

Western

FLYCATCHER, Great-crested

PHOEBE, Eastern

FLYCATCHER, Yellow-bellied

Willow

Least

(Empidonax species)

PREWEE, E. Wood

FLYCATCHER, Olive-sided

LARK, Horned

SWALLOW, Tree

Bank

Rough-winged

Barn

Cliff

*MARTIN, Purple

JAY, Blue

MAGPIE, Black-billed

CROW, Common

CHICKADEE, Black-capped

NUTHATCH, White-breasted

Red-breasted

CREEPER, Brown

10/12 - 1 Twk Ref, DGP

WREN, House

Marsh

Sedge

CATBIRD

10/20 - 1 Twk. Ref, DGP

THRASHER, Brown

11/1 - 1 Twk Ref, DGP

ROBIN, Am.

10/18 - large flocks, Twk Ref, DGP

THRUSH, Wood

Hermit

Swainson's

Gray-cheeked

VEERY

* BLUEBIRD, Eastern

KINGLET, Gold.-cr.

Ruby-crowned

PIPIT, Water

Sprague's

WAXWING, Bohemian

11/25 - 2 at Refuge H.Q., D.G.P.

Cedar

SHRIKE, Northern

*Loggerhead

STARLING

VIREO, Yellow-thr.

Solitary

Red-eyed

Philadelphia

*Warbling

WARBLER, Black
and White
Tennessee

Orange-crowned

Nashville

*Yellow

Magnolia

Cape May

Yellow-rumped

Black-throated
Green

Blackburnian

Chestnut-sided

Bay-breasted

Blackpoll

Palm

Ovenbird

N. Waterthrush

Mourning

Yellowthroat

Wilson's

Canada

Am. Redstart

BOBOLINK

MEADOWLARK, Western

BLACKBIRD, Yellow-headed

Red-winged

ORIOLE, Orchard

Northern

BLACKBIRD, Rusty

Brewer's

GRACKLE, Common

COWBIRD, Brown-headed

TANAGER, Scarlet

CARDINAL

GROSBEAK, Rose-breasted

BUNTING, Indigo

*DICKCISSEL

GROSBEAK, Evening

FINCH, Purple

GROSBEAK, Pine

11/16 - 6 in 2 groups Twk. Ref. H.Q., DGP (not on refuge bird list. Saw 1 colored out male - positive id.)

REDPOLI, Common

SISKIN, Pine

GOLDFINCH, Am.

CROSSBILL, Red

White-winged

TOWHEE, Rufous-sided

BUNTING, Lark

SPARROW, Savannah

*Grasshopper

Baird's

LeConte's

Sharp-tailed

*Vesper

Lark

JUNCO, Dark-eyed

SPARROW, Tree

Chipping

Clay-colored

Field

Harris'

White-crowned

White-throated

Fox

Lincoln's

Swamp

Song

LONGSPUR, Lapland

Chestnut-collared

BUNTING, Snow