survey in Carter, TN (AT), but just 20 were banded at the S. West Virginia Bird Research Center, compared to an average of 51 for past years (RC). In Pennsylvania, just one was banded at P.N.R. (the 40-year average is 6), where none was known to have nested for the first time in 40 years (RCL, RM). Five Yellow-rumped Warblers were found at a probable nesting site at Elliott Knob, Augusta, VA 16 Jun (fide YL); the status of a bird at P.I.S.P. 7 Jun, where the species has not been known to breed, was uncertain (RSt). Yellow-throated Warblers are now firmly established along the Allegheny R. as far n. as Warren, PA, where at least three pairs were breeding in Jun (TG). Late migrants at P.I.S.P. 7 Jun included both a Pine and a Bay-breasted Warbler (RSt). Just two reports of Swainson's Warbler were received: one of 2 birds along Burrell's Ford Rd., Rabun, GA 11 Jul (DF), and the other of a bird heard singing at Red R. Gorge, KY 30 Jun (FR). No Kentucky Warblers could be found (DGD) in the Shenandoah Valley, VA this season, and the breeding population at P.N.R. seemed lower than during most recent years (RCL, RM). The number of breeding Hooded Warblers, too, may have been low at PN.R.; but nesting success was apparently high, with 25, mostly imm. birds, banded during the 2nd half of Jul (RCL, RM). A male Mourning Warbler on Roan Mt., TN 23 Jun-1 Jul (AT) represented the first local summer record. Yellow-breasted Chats were missing from several nesting areas in s. West Virginia (RC) and were notably scarce in the Laurel Highlands of sw. Pennsylvania (RCL, RM).

Pennsylvania, single Clay-colored Sparrows were found near Mill Run, Fayette 17 Jun (RM), at Worthington, Armstrong 25 Jun (JF), and 3 or more were near Phillipsburg, Jefferson 3 Jun (EZ); and even more unusual was a Clay-colored at Canaan Valley S.P., WV 11 Jun-24 Jul (MK, JN). Grassland surveys, conducted over nine w. Pennsylvania counties this summer, indicated that many grassland sparrows continue to be quite common in suitable habitat; hundreds of Henslow's, Grasshopper, and Savannah Sparrows were observed-most abundantly in Clearfield and Clarion (DB). Savannah Sparrow numbers were up in e. Tennessee, with at least 10 birds located in Washington and Johnson counties (RK). A late spring White-throated Sparrow was still at PI.S.P., where the species does not nest, 7 Jun (RSt), and an early fall migrant or summer wanderer was banded there 17 Jul (RFL). Rosebreasted Grosbeaks appeared to be completely absent from traditional breeding sites in the upper Cedar Cr. Valley, Shenandoah, VA (DGD), but breeding populations seemed high in the Laurel Highlands and elsewhere in Pennsylvania (RM, RCL). One or 2 pairs of Dickcissels were at a Washington, TN site for the 6th consecutive year (RK), and 3 were found in Adams, PA 24 Jun (PR). A Western Meadowlark first found at Trauger, Westmoreland, PA this spring remained there at least through 12 Jul (m. ob.); another appeared near Rebersburg, Centre, PA from 21 Jul through the end of the period (fide EZ).

A Red Crossbill lingered at a bird feeder at Blue Ridge, Fannin, GA through 17 Jun (JD); small numbers were found on Roan Mt., TN during the summer (RK, AT), and a flock of over 75 was seen across the state line on Roan Mt., NC 30 Jun (WF, BO, MW); farther n., 2 were an unexpected find at Camp Michaux, Cumberland, PA 25 Jun (DHf). Considering the scarcity of Pine Siskins during the preceding winter and spring, surprising numbers of summering birds were reported from scattered sites across Pennsylvania; a female with a brood patch was banded at Athens, WV in Jul (JM), and a few summered as far s. as Roan Mt., TN (RK, AT).

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## **Western Great Lakes**



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The Region was mostly cool and wet in early June, then generally hot and dry the rest of the period. During a brief respite from the heat in early July, temperatures dipped as low as 27

degrees Fahrenheit in northeastern Minnesota, and frost brushed across Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Pointe Mouillee managed the Leed Unit for fall shorebird migration, attracting 2 Reeves and creating the best habitat Michigan has enjoyed in years. Twenty-one shorebird species were recorded there 29 July, probably an all-time high for the Wolverine State in summer. Northern Hawk Owl, Eurasian Collared-Dove, White-eyed Vireo, and Yellow-throated

Warbler nested in Minnesota, while Wisconsin garnered most of the rarities, including Swallow-tailed Kite, Black-headed Gull, Groove-billed Ani, and Scissor-tailed Flycatcher.

Abbreviations: Big Stone (Big Stone N.W.R., Big Stone and Lac Qui Parle, MN); Crex Meadows (Crex Meadows W.M.A., Burnett, WI), D.N.R. (Department of Natural Resources); M.B.R.C. (Michigan Bird Records Committee); M.C.G.I. (Milwaukee Coast Guard Impoundment, WI); Murphy-Hanrehan (Murphy-Hanrehan Regional Park, Dakota and Scott, MN); p.a. (pending acceptance); Pte. Mouillee (Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Monroe, MI); Shiawassee (Shiawassee N.W.R., Saginaw, MI); W.B.R.C. (Wisconsin Bird Records Committee); W.P.B.O. (Whitefish Point Bird Observatory, Chippewa, MI).

### **LOONS THROUGH IBISES**

Migrant Red-throated Loons included singles at WPBO. (MPe, GRU) and *Presque Isle*, MI (WNG) 2 Jun; more difficult to characterize were 4 in alternate plumage at Duluth, MN 8 Jul (SW) Virtually extirpated as a Minnesota breeding species, 2 Horned Grebes in *Kittson 3* Jun (PHS) were probably late migrants, likewise one in *Alpena*, MI 1 Jun (WNG). Wisconsin's 27 Red-necked Grebes in *Winnebago* 17 Jun (TZ) and Michigan's 47 near Hessel, *Mackinac* 7 Jul (WNG) were exceptional counts for mid-summer Michigan had 3 American White Pelicans on Arcadia L., *Manistee* 1–5 Jun (KW, RB, JS) and one at Shiawassee 18 Jul (BG, CSz).

Minnesota and Michigan each had single Snowy Egrets in Jun, but Wisconsin cornered the market with 3 at Green Bay all summer (JH), one at M.C.G.I. 31 Jul (JI), and one in Dodge (TW). Single Little Blue Herons graced Outagamie, WI 24 Jun (BSm) and Washtenaw, MI 25-26 Jun (HP, m. ob.). Except for 36 in Winnebago, WI 15 Jul (TZ), Cattle Egrets were scarce in all three states. Most unusual of 3 Minnesota Yellow-crowned Night-Heron records was a county first at Janesville S.T.P., Waseca 3 Jul (RBJ); an imm. at M.C.G.I. 31 Jul (JI) was the only other Regional report. Still casual but recently annual in Minnesota, a White-faced Ibis was photographed in Mower 19 Jun (JEM, RNS et al.).

### WATERFOWL THROUGH RAILS

Providing only the 3rd summer record for Minnesota was an ad. Ross's Goose near L. Lillian, *Kandiyohi* 27 Jun (RAE). A pair of well-documented Tundra Swans near Oslo, *Marshall* 15 Jun (EEF) piqued interest in Minnesota. Minnesota D.N.R. reported Blue-winged Teal

down 24% from last year and 39% below the long-term average. A male Cinnamon Teal near Ortonville, *Big Stone*, MN 3–4 Jun (RJS et al.) was an exceptional summer occurrence. Even more unexpected was the female Harlequin Duck in Michigan at Ludington, *Mason* 3 Jun (JH). Three White-winged Scoters were late migrants at W.P.B.O. 2 Jun (MPe, GRU). Furnishing the 7th summer record for Wisconsin was a Long-tailed Duck in *Door* 9 Jun (JSc).

Unexpected in ne. Minnesota, an ad. Swainson's Hawk provided a first county record for Carlton 9 Jun (TAT). Rough-legged Hawks at W.P.B.O. 15 Jun (LD) and Pennington, MN 29 Jun (RBJ) were probably late migrants; a few have summered in nw. Minnesota in the past. A Swallow-tailed Kite seen briefly at M.C.G.I. 23 Jun (JI) will be reviewed by the W.B.R.C. A Golden Eagle in Waukesha 17 Jun (JB, TRP) would provide Wisconsin's first Jun record (p.a.). Even one Merlin nest in Minnesota's Twin Cities would be amazing, but no fewer than 8 young were fledged by four breeding pairs this season (MJS). Providing one of Minnesota's few well-documented summer records was the Prairie Falcon near Rothsay W.M.A., Wilkin 9 Jun (SD, CRG, RG).

Spruce Grouse are rarely ever seen in Michigan's Lower Peninsula, so Jun reports of one to 2 in *Crawford* (*fide* JD), *Ogemaw* (JHi, RR), and *Oscoda* (JD, PH) were noteworthy. Lek counts of Sharp-tailed Grouse declined sharply in Minnesota (D.N.R.), down 43% in the e.-cen. region and 24% in the nw.; Michigan's sole report was from *Chippewa* (JG). Two Yellow Rails near Trout Lake, *Chippewa* 9 Jun (AMB) furnished Michigan's only report.

### **SHOREBIRDS**

Possibly summering were 4 Black-bellied Plovers at Pte. Mouillee 30 Jun (AMB), but 2 in Alpena, MI 18-19 Jun (WNG) and one at Pte. Mouillee 24 Jun (AMB) were most likely lingering spring migrants. An ad. Wilson's Plover at W.P.B.O. 15 Jun (p.a. TS) would be Michigan's 3rd; there was a well-documented Wilson's at this same location in mid-May, which will be treated separately by the M.B.R.C. High water and storms foiled nesting by Piping Plovers at the traditional Minnesota site in Lake of the Woods; intriguing was an ad. with 2 imms. in Big Stone 28 Jul (PCC). A Piping Plover nest in Marinette was the first documented along Wisconsin's Green Bay shoreline since 1941 (TE); elsewhere on the Great Lakes, 31 breeding pairs (30 of these in Michigan) fledged a total of 71 young (fide AMB). The 260 Killdeer at Big Stone 20 Jul (BEO) was Minnesota's 3rd highest

Two American Avocets summered in Clay, MN (TAT, ADS), and all 3 states had migrants in Jul; the earliest were 4 in Vernon, WI 3 Jul (RZ), 3 in Van Buren, MI 4 Jul (WMB), one in Berrien, MI 4 Jul, and 2 in Beloit, WI 7 Jul (DC) Minnesota had 2-6 avocets in four additional locations, Wisconsin had one in Racine 20 Jul (EH), and 3 were at Pte. Mouillee 29 Jul (AMB) Peak yellowlegs counts included 68 Greaters at Big Stone 25 Jul (BEO) and 39 at Pte. Mouillee 20 Jul (AMB); Lessers peaked at 1104 on 20 Jul and 654 on 29 Jul at Pte. Mouillee (AMB), and 716 at Big Stone 20 Jul (BEO). Fifteen Solitary Sandpipers were at Pte. Mouillee 29 Jul (AMB) Two Willets in Marshall lingered until 3 Jun (PHS), while one in Lyon 30 Jun (PE) was an exceptional mid-summer occurrence in Minnesota. Michigan had a flurry of early Jul reports, including 3 at Warren Dunes SP, Berrien 4 Jul (JP), one in Ottawa 4 Jul (SS), 7 at New Buffalo, Berrien 7 Jul (DV), and 2 in St Joseph, Berrien 8 Jul (AMB). Unusual for location and number was a group of 19 Marbled Godwits in Baraga, MI 23 Jul (JY).

Ruddy Turnstones returned to Michigan 29 Jul, when 7 were at Pte. Mouillee (AMB) Minnesota and Michigan had the only Red Knots, one in Polk 3 Jun (PHS) and 4 in Alpena 4 Jun (KS), respectively. A Sanderling in Becker, MN 25 Jun (CRM) was possibly still northbound, while 2 in Alpena, MI 5 Jul (WNG) were probably early fall migrants. In w-cen Minnesota, separate surveys in Lac Qui Parle and Big Stone found peaks of 947 Semipalmated Sandpipers 28 Jul (PCC) and 670 Leasts 20 Jul (BEO). Peeps were down in Michigan, though 505 Semipalmateds were at Pte. Mouillee 29 Jul (AMB). White-rumped Sandpiper is normally exceptional as an early fall migrant in the Region; one in Becker, MN 25 Jun (CRM) was probably northbound, but one in Dane 1 Jul (PA) and 2 in Vernon 3 Jul (RZ) were either record-early returnees or summering in Wisconsin. Also early or summering were single White-rumpeds in Berrien, MI 2 Jul (CG, JW), Pte. Mouillee 6-21 Jul (AMB, RB), and Marshall, MN 21 Jul (PHS). Pectoral Sandpipers peaked at 330 at Big Stone 25 Jul (BEO). An impressive 650 Dunlin at Pte Mouillee 3 Jun (AC) was followed by a summering individual 24 Jun-20 Jul (AMB) Stilt Sandpipers peaked when 229 were at Big Stone 20 Jul (BEO). Three Buff-breasted Sandpipers in Meeker 21 Jul (DMF) provided Minnesota's 3rd earliest fall date.

Never before have 2 Ruffs been seen together in Michigan; both were ad. females (Reeves) found by Byrne at Pte. Mouillee 12–20 Jul and 20–21 Jul. The Short-billed Dowitcher in *Becker* 24 Jun (PHS, PCC) was Minnesota's earliest

ever fall migrant; honors for high count went to Wisconsin, where 170 Short-billeds were in *Dodge* 7 Jul (DT), seconded by 80 at Pte. Mouillee on both 30 Jun and 29 Jul (AMB). Relatively early was a Long-billed Dowitcher at Pte Mouillee 29 Jul (AMB). Wilson's Phalarope was reported in 17 Minnesota counties, well above the average of 10 counties over the past decade; fall migrants included 83 in *Big Stone* 29 Jul (PHS). One to 2 Red-necked Phalaropes lingered to 6 Jun in *Marshall*, MN (*fide* BAB); the first returning fall migrant was at Pte. Mouillee 29 Jul (AMB).

### **GULLS THROUGH WOODPECKERS**

Wisconsin's 3 Laughing Gulls were along Lake Michigan, in *Sheboygan* (D&MB) and *Racine* (KD), both 15 Jun, and M.C.G.I. 20 Jul (BB). Michigan had 2 in *Berrien*—an ad. at St. Joseph 2 Jun (JG) and an imm. at New Buffalo 17 Jun (TS) Wisconsin had 2 Franklin's Gulls along L. Michigan in early Jun (TW), plus one in *Vernon* 31 Jul (FZL). Four Little Gulls drifted between *Mantowoc* and *Sheboygan* 5–9 Jun (m. ob.); elsewhere in Wisconsin were one in *Racine* 17–18 Jul (KD) and 2 near Algoma, *Kewaunee* 22 Jul (TU). A **Black-headed Gull** at Algoma 22 Jul (p a. TU) provided Wisconsin with its 4th summer record. An ad. Lesser Black-backed Gull was in *Kewaunee*, WI 29 Jul (J&KS).

Eurasian Collared-Doves nested for the first time in Minnesota at Caledonia, *Houston* (PHS et al), the first of three broods fledged 4 Jul (KAK). Elsewhere in Minnesota, one from May remained in *Roseau* (PHS, PCC), and another was documented in *Renville* 3 Jul (RBJ). Wisconsin had three reports, including in *Manitowoc* through 22 Jun, where a nesting attempt failed (CS), one in *Ozaukee* 21–25 Jul (JSo, TW), and another still in *Oconto* (J&KS), where present since May 2000. Most exciting was the **Groove-billed Ani** at Green Bay 30 Jun–3 Jul (BL, JH). This was Wisconsin's 15th ani but the first in summer; it appeared to be in good condition and was observed actively feeding

Following last winter's record-high invasion of 190 Northern Hawk Owls into Minnesota, it was not surprising that breeding occurred, but the discovery of four nests (*Koochiching, Lake*, and two in *Cook*) was unprecedented. In addition, ads. were found feeding recently fledged young elsewhere in *Lake* 20 Jun (JWL) and in *St Louis* 10 Jul (BAB). The final total of 394 Great Gray Owls during the 2000–2001 irruption was also an all-time Minnesota high, exceeding the 342 in 1995–1996. Michigan still lacks confirmed nesting records, so Great Grays in *Schoolcraft* 22 Jul (DE) and *Chippewa* during Jul (MM) were intriguing. Continuing their

recent upswing in Minnesota, 18+ Short-eared Owls were found in eight counties; Michigan had singles in *Hillsdale* (JR) and *Benzie* (MJ, PL). The only reports of Three-toed Woodpecker were from Spruce Road in *Lake*, MN (*fide* KRE). Michigan had one Blackbacked Woodpecker near Trout L., *Chippewa* 17 Jun (JHa).

### FLYCATCHERS THROUGH MOCKINGBIRDS

Willow Flycatchers in Chippewa and Mackinac were unusual for Michigan's Upper Peninsula (TWh). Ani searchers in Wisconsin received a bonus when a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher lingered in Door 30 Jun-3 Jul (T&CS, JH); typically ethereal was one seen for a few hours at Trempeleau N.W.R., WI 12 Jun (LM). Loggerhead Shrikes were in nine Minnesota counties, close to the recent average; far from average was the successful breeding pair in Kalamazoo, MI (DP). One in Monroe 3-4 Jun was also noteworthy for Michigan (PCC, m. ob.). Providing Minnesota's 2nd breeding record, 4 young White-eyed Vireos (no cowbirds!) fledged from a nest at Rice Lake S.P., Steele (AEB). In Michigan, only 3-4 singing White-eyeds were at Lost Nations State Game Area, Hillsdale (JR); others included one to 2 in Lenawee (SS) and singles in Barry (WMS) and Cass (WMB).

Minnesota and Wisconsin each had one Carolina Wren, in *Hennepin* 6 Jul+ (PG) and all season in *Jefferson* (KEH), respectively; completely unexpected was one banded in Michigan's Upper Peninsula at Vermillion, *Chippewa* 29 Jun (*fide* JM). If accepted by the M.B.R.C., a Bewick's Wren in *Saginaw* 16 Jun (MH) would be Michigan's first since 1993. Minnesota had Northern Mockingbirds in *Cook* 17 Jun (JWL et al.) and *Olmsted* 28–30 Jun (JGL et al.). Wisconsin's only report came from *Door* (BS), but mockingbirds were in nine Michigan counties.

### **WARBLERS THROUGH FINCHES**

A singing Northern Parula at L. Bronson, MN 10 Jun (PHS) was a Kittson first. Still casual in Minnesota, a pair of Yellow-throated Warblers found 11 Jun (JMa, TAT) provided that state's 2nd nesting record when 3 young fledged in Acacia Cemetery, Dakota 30 Jun (BAF). Yellow-throated Warblers were also at Wyalusing S.P., WI, and Allegan and Berrien in Michigan. Michigan (D.N.R.) counted 1085 singing male Kirtland's Warblers, the most since surveys began in 1951! This was also the first time that more than 1000 males were reported. Wisconsin had Prairie Warblers in Jefferson (m. ob.), Ozaukee (fide BB), and Waukesha (MP).

Unusual in nw. Wisconsin was a territorial Palm Warbler in *Burnett* 9 Jun (TKS). A female Blackpoll, Warbler at W.P.B.O. 2 Jun was late (MPe, GRU), but an inexplicably tardy male at the same location 21 Jun was probably a non-breeder (LD).

On the periphery of its Minnesota breeding range was a singing male Cerulean Warbler at Tamarac N.W.R., Becker through 29 Jun (fide BAB); a count of 15 pairs at Murphy-Hanrehan (BAF) was an encouraging tally. A Worm-eating Warbler in Anoka, MN 28 Jul (CF) was apparently an early fall migrant, while Michigan's only report was at Warren Dunes S.P., Berrien 9 Jun (KM, JW). Unpaired in Minnesota were singing Kentucky Warblers at Nelson Fen, Olmsted through 17 Jun (JDu et al.) and Murphy-Hanrehan (BAF). One Kentucky spent the summer in Michigan's Hillsdale (JR), and another was in Jackson 4 Jun (LC). An unprecedented 35 territorial Hooded Warblers were at Murphy-Hanrehan; five of seven nests checked were parasitized by cowbirds (BAF). Exceptional for Michigan's Upper Peninsula was the imm, female Hooded Warbler banded at Vermillion, Chippewa 14 Jun (fide JM). Minnesota mustered single Yellow-breasted Chats in Winona 13-15 Jun (CB, FZL) and Dakota 29 Jun (TAT), but no fewer than 6 were in Dane, WI 17 Jun (PA)

A male Summer Tanager in Hillsdale 1 Jun-22 Jul (JR, AMB) was at the same Michigan location where a pair was found last summer Away from its Minnesota breeding range and possibly migrating was the Lark Sparrow at Blue Mounds S.P., Rock 28 Jul (TAT). Henslow's Sparrow fared well in Minnesota, with reports from five s. counties; others were unusually far n. in Clay (RJS et al.), Douglas (E&JE), and Crow Wing (WEN). Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows were in expected Minnesota and Wisconsin (Crex Meadows) locations, but one banded at Vermillion, Chippewa 14 Jun (fide JM) was Michigan's first since fall 1998 and 16th overall (p.a.). Red Crossbills nested in Newaygo, MI, where 2 ads. with 4 young were found 15 Jun (SR). Rarely noted in Minnesota during Jun, White-winged Crossbills were at the Sax-Zim bog, St. Louis (m. ob.).

### **CORRIGENDA**

Delete Veery in Madison, WI 12–23 Dec 2000 (*N. A. B.* 55: 174). The Cape May Warbler 2 Nov 2000 was in *Buffalo*, not *Portage*, WI (*N. A. B.* 55: 56). Great-tailed Grackles established territories and built nests at Grovers L. W.M. A near the Iowa/Minnesota border in 1998, but neither eggs nor young were documented, change "nesting" to "probable nesting" (*N. A. B.* 52: 334).

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# Middlewestern Prairie



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After mid-June, the Region experienced warm, dry conditions. However, residual moisture from heavy spring precipitation provided sufficient water to keep most wetlands hydrated and generate lush upland vegetation. In Illinois, Doug Stotz believed that it was a good breeding season, and in Iowa James Dinsmore suggested that both wetland and

grassland species did well. Most correspondents concurred with these assessments.

The breeding season's major downside occurred along the major river systems, where high water levels, especially in June, interfered with species that nest on or adjacent to the rivers. More positively, a spate of first nesting records was established and a surprisingly plump list of vagrants was recorded.

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### **LOONS THROUGH IBIS**

For the 2nd time in seven years, a summer Pacific Loon appeared in Iowa. This bird occupied a sandpit s. of Iowa City 18 Jun-5 Jul (†MCD, †CE, †JLF, ph. THK). It was a good summer for Pied-billed Grebes, with an above-average number of nesting reports across the Region. Iowa's 2nd confirmed Red-necked Grebe nesting record was logged 4 Jul, when two nests were found at Cheever L. in *Emmet* (LAS). Peak nest counts for Double-crested Cormorants included 66 at L. Renwick, IL 28 Mar (AA) and 39 at Coralville Res., IA 26 Jun (MCD). Also noteworthy was a Double-crested nest at Clarence Cannon N.W.R., MO 20 Jul (SK)

Great Blue Herons received few comments, the largest reported colony consisted of 482 nests at Clear L. in Mason, IL (RBj). As expected, Great Egrets were reported nesting in Illinois and Kentucky; peak counts of nonbreeders included 500 birds at Horseshoe L., IL 15 Jul (FH), 211 in Jackson, IA 5 Jul (JLF), and 120 at Ottawa N.W.R., OH 1 Jul (EP et al.) Nesting Snowy Egrets were reported at the Sikeston, MO rookery, where 50 nests were counted (JWi). The largest concentration of Snowy Egrets consisted of 110 birds at birds at Horseshoe L., IL 15 Jul (FH). It was a most impressive breeding season for Little Blue Herons, with nesting reported in Illinois, Kentucky, and Missouri. The largest colony was at the Sikeston, MO rookery, where 150 nests were counted (JWi), but this species nested as far n. as L. Cal., where two nests were found 14 Jul (WJM). Peak Little Blue counts included an impressive 1500 at a roost near