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Subject: THE BLUE LIST.

The National Audubon Society has just begun listing, on what they call "The Blue List", those bird species which are declining in numbers, either throughout their range or in some parts of their range. This list supplements the list of Endangered Species, which gets a great deal of publicity - sometimes to the extent that we are inclined to forget the fact that wildlife is very dynamic, reacting sensitively to continuous and changing forces. The Blue List is a sort of "early warning system" which can help by focusing the attention of observers on problem species.

Here listed are those species from The Blue List which are observed at Ordway during season; this does not mean they are scarce in this range but it does mean that we are interestedly watching any variation from year-to-year in their numbers:

Double-crested Cormorant  
Black-crowned Night Heron  
Red-headed Woodpecker  
Eastern Bluebird  
Great Blue Heron  
House Wren.

It is hoped that we can increase the level of our observations of these and all other species so that we can be alert toward future changes, particularly decline in such populations.

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