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- ✓ 1. HORNED GREBE, one was seen at Blackhawk Lake in Sac Co. on November 15.
- ✓ 2. WESTERN GREBE, one was seen at Blackhawk Lake in Sac Co. on November 15.
- ✓ 3. AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN, 22 were still at Blackhawk Lake on November 9, while the last one there was present on November 15.
- ✓ 4. ROSEATE SPOONBILL, an immature was seen at the Waubonsie Wildlife Area on August 9.
- ✓ 5. TRUMPETER SWAN, two adults returned with one young in tow at Blackhawk Lake on November 27.
- ✓ 6. WHITE WINGED SCOTER, two immature/females were at Blackhawk Lake in Sac Co. on November 9.
- ✓ 7. NORTHERN BOBWHITE, the first one heard at Moorehead Park was on August 24. This species is extremely rare in Ida County and this is the first local sighting.
- ✓ 8. BLACK BELLIED PLOVER, the last 2 were at Tomahawk marsh on September 28.
- ✓ 9. PIPING PLOVER, one was at the power plant ponds in Pottawatamie Co. on August 8.
- ✓ 10. KILLDEER, the last one was seen in Sac Co. on November 22.
- ✓ 11. LESSER YELLOWLEGS, the last three were at Tomahawk Marsh on November 9.
- ✓ 12. RUDDY TURNSTONE, one was at the power plant ponds in Pottawatamie Co. on August 9.
- ✓ 13. PECTORAL SANDPIPER, the last one was at Tomahawk Marsh on November 1.
- ✓ 14. DOWITCHER SP., the last three were at Tomahawk Marsh on November 1.
- ✓ 15. BONAPARTE'S GULL, three were at Blackhawk Lake on November 27.
- ✓ 16. FORSTER'S TERN, the last one was at Cherokee on October 5.

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- ✓ 17. LEAST TERN, two were at the power plant ponds in Pottawatomie Co. on August 9.
- ✓ 18. BARRED OWL, one was observed at Ranney Knob in Cherokee Co. on September 7.
- ✓ 19. OLIVE SIDED FLYCATCHER, the first one was at Moorehead Park on August 13. The most were five at Moorehead Park on August 30.
- ✓ 20. EASTERN WOOD PEWEE, an adult was feeding two young in Sac Co. on September 13. The last one was at Moorehead Park on September 28.
- ✓ 21. YELLOW BELLIED FLYCATCHER, the first one was at Moorehead Park on August 17.
- ✓ 22. LEAST FLYCATCHER, the first one was at Moorehead Park on August 13.
- ✓ 23. GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER, the most were five at Moorehead Park on August 31.
- ✓ 24. RED BREASTED NUTHATCH, the first of many seen was in Ida Grove on August 8.
- ✓ 25. WINTER WREN, the most were three at Moorehead Park on October 4.
- ✓ 26. PHILADELPHIA VIREO, the first and only one seen was at Moorehead Park on August 22.
- ✓ 27. BREWSTER'S WARBLER, one was observed at Moorehead Park on September 6 !!!
- ✓ 28. BLUE WINGED WARBLER, one was observed at Moorehead Park on August 29, a pair was there on September 7. Is this species on the increase (nesting in Western Iowa)?
- ✓ 29. GOLDEN WINGED WARBLER, all at Moorehead Park, 1 male on August 24 and 31, two were present on September 5.
- ✓ 30. TENNESSEE WARBLER, the first one at Moorehead Park was on August 22.
- ✓ 31. ORANGE CROWNED WARBLER, the first one at Moorehead Park was on August 28, the most there were 12 on September 28.

Tom, just a quick note to say hi, hope the holidays are going well for you and your family. I was the friend who encouraged Curt Rector to document the Vermillion Flycatcher this past spring. Interestingly, when he was doing summer help for the state at Rice Lake in Worth County, he was with Anderson when he saw the Second record of a Vermillion Flycatcher there on 13 May 1988. Curt had another red bird this fall - the first record of a Pine Grosbeak for Ida County! He has definitely been the hot Ida County birder for the year. I hope he continues to find more outstanding birds in the future.

As you can see from my report, I focused most of my energies this fall towards warblers, renewing a love affair that I first enjoyed back in my teen years. I plan on being in Dubuque over the Christmas weekend. If something interesting should show up - gray jay, boreal owl, or some interesting gull, keep me in mind. I can be reached in Dubuque at 319-588-0437.

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- ✓ 32. NORTHERN PARULA, the first one was at Moorehead Park on August 31, a pair was there on September 14, the last one was present on October 4. There were 5 birds seen, more than normal. All but the pair seen on September 14 were immatures.
- ✓ 33. CHESTNUT SIDED WARBLER, the first 4 were at Moorehead Park on August 22, the most were 8 and the last one at Moorehead Park was on September 27.
- ✓ 34. MAGNOLIA WARBLER, the first one was at Moorehead Park on August 28.
- ✓ 35. CAPE MAY WARBLER, one was present at the pine plantings at Martin's Access in Cherokee Co. on September 7.
- ✓ 36. YELLOW RUMPED WARBLER, the first one was at South Twin Lake in Calhoun Co. on September 13.
- ✓ 37. BLACK THROATED GREEN WARBLER, the last one at Moorehead Park was on September 28.
- ✓ 38. BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER, the first three were at Moorehead Park on August 23, the most there were nine on August 31.
- ✓ 39. BAY BREASTED WARBLER, the first two were at Moorehead Park on August 30, with the last one there on September 27.
- ✓ 40. PINE WARBLER, a bird with an unstreaked back was at the pine plantings at Martin's Access in Cherokee Co. on September 6.
- ✓ 41. BLACKPOLL, one was present at Moorehead Park on September 7 and 12 and two were there on September 17. They were told from the more common Bay Breasted Warbler by pale legs and faint streakings on side of bird.
- ✓ 42. BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER, the first one was at Moorehead Park on August 22, the most were 14 on August 31 and the last one there was on September 27.
- ✓ 43. CONNECTICUT WARBLER, one was at Moorehead Park on August 31.
- ✓ 44. MOURNING WARBLER, the first one was at Moorehead Park on August 23, the last one was there on September 21.
- ✓ 45. MacGillivray's Warbler, one was at Moorehead Park on September 2.

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- 46. WILSON'S WARBLER, the first one was at Moorhead Park on August 21, the most were 32 there on August 31.
- 47. CANADA WARBLER, the first two were at Moorhead Park on August 21, the most were 8 there on August 31.
- 48. AMERICAN PIPIT, two were at Tomahawk Marsh on October 18.

Tom, as you can tell I have run out of ink for my printer. - of course it's after 9 pm and all the stores are closed. I do have a documentation on the MacGillivray's Warbler at Moorhead Park. Unfortunately it is still in the word processor. I will send it out as soon as possible.

Sincerely

Pete