

Fall field reports-1996
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- ✓ Pied-billed Grebe-broods of 7 and 3 at Harrier M., 26 Aug
- ✓ Horned Grebe-2 at West Okoboji, 17 Nov (with SJD)
1 at De Soto N.W.R., 16 Nov (Erv Klaas fide JJD)
- ✓ Eared Grebe-one at West Okoboji, 17 Nov (with SJD)
- ✓ Great Egret-23 at Myre Sl., 8 Sept, (with SJD)
- ✓ Cattle Egret-19 n of Ames, 21 Sept (with SJD)
- ✓ Black-crowned Night Heron-7 at Myre Sl, 8 Sept (with SJD)
- ✓ Snow Goose-one at Harrier Marsh, 14 Aug (with SJD), 26 Aug
- ✓ Ross's Goose-one n. of Sioux Rapids, Buena Vista Co., 17 Nov (with SJD)
- ✓ one in Pocahontas Co., 17 Nov (with SJD)
- ✓ Canada Goose-there was a large flight of birds moving south through central Iowa on 23 November
- ✓ Greater Scaup-4 on West Okoboji (large scaup-same size as nearby Canvasback, rounded head, heavy bill), 17 Nov (with SJD)
- ✓ 1 on Spirit L., (large scaup, rounded head, heavy bill, larger than nearby Lesser Scaup), 17 Nov (with SJD)
- ✓ Turkey Vulture-injured immat. brought in to Wildlife Care Clinic as ISU, found at Snake Creek M. on 9 Nov
- Northern Harrier-1 imm at L. Sugema area on 8 Aug, Pete Melde
- ✓ Merlin-one north of Storm Lake, 17 Nov (with SJD)
- ✓ one found in Ames, 11 Nov, specimen to ISU
- ✓ American Golden-Plover-43 at Harrier M., 4 Oct (with SJD)
- ✓ Hudsonian Godwit-1 at Harrier Marsh, 26 Oct (with SJD). Seen perched and then in flight (twice). Besides upcurved godwit bill, the broad

black band almost to end of tail and clear white band above (proximal to) black band were seen clearly. Also the dark undersides to wings with a light wing stripe were noted clearly in flight. Bird seen in flight with Greater Yellowlegs and somewhat larger overall size also noted.

✓ Least Sandpiper-2 at Harrier M., 4 Oct (with SJD), studied at close range, yellow legs seen clearly

✓ Buff-breasted Sandpiper-7 at Saylorville Res., 1 Sept (with SJD)
✓ one at Restoration M., Floyd Co., 7 Sept (with SJD, FM, BC, et al)

✓ Pomarine Jaeger--2 at Saylorville Res., 11 Nov (with SJD, documentation)

✓ Thayer's Gull-one first winter bird, Saylorville Res., 23 Nov (with SJD)

✓ Glaucous Gull-one first winter bird, Saylorville Res., 23 Nov (with SJD)

✓ Caspian Tern-32 w of Boone, 19 Sept (with SJD)

✓ Least Flycatcher-one in Ames, 24, 25 August (JJD, heard repeatedly);
✓ one at Saylorville Res., 1 Sept (with SJD, heard repeatedly)

✓ Pinyon Jay-one in NE Boone County, 30 November (with Lloyd and Gay Crim), documentation

✓ Red-breasted Nuthatch-one in Ames, 11 August, Karen Craft;
✓ one in Ames, 28 Sept (JJD);

✓ Hermit Thrush--one in Ames, 13 Nov, David Edwards

✓ Northern Shrike-one near Luther on 26 November (Steve Fairbairn fide JJD)

✓ Yellow-rumped Warbler-one north of Sioux Rapids, Buena Vista Co., 17 Nov (with SJD)

✓ Black-throated Green Warbler-one in Ames, 21 Sept (with SJD)

✓ Bay-breasted Warbler-one in Ames, 21 Sept

- ✓ Scarlet Tanager-one in Ames, 21 Sept (with SJD)
- ✓ Henslow's Sparrow-one singing at Goose Lake, Clinton Co. on 1 Aug (Pete Melde); still singing at L. Sugema on 15 Aug (Pete Melde)
- ✓ Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow-5 at Harrier M., 4 Oct (with SJD), gray nape, white streaking on back, yellow-brown face seen clearly
- ✓ Dark-eyed Junco-one in Ames, 12 October (JJD); my first for fall
- ✓ Lapland Longspur-flocks totalling about 2,000 plus, in Sac, Buena Vista, and Clay counties, 17 Nov (with SJD)
- ✓ Snow Bunting-15 at Saylorville Res., 11 Nov
- ✓ Bobolink-2 at Harrier M., 4 Oct (with SJD), flushed, call note heard and bird seen in flight
- ✓ Yellow-headed Blackbird-3 at Harrier M., 19 Sept (with SJD)
- ✓ Great-tailed Grackle-one at Harrier M., 14 August (with SJD); 8 males and 13 females at Harrier M., 4 Oct (with SJD)
- Red Crossbill-2 in Indianola, 7 August (Daryl Howell); 12 in Ames, 3 Nov (JJD)

Comment

From several sources, it appears that there was a huge southward flight of waterfowl on 30 Oct to 1 Nov with large numbers of Snow Geese and other waterfowl moving south with the strong winds that occurred on those days.