

FIELD REPORTS:

August 1 through November 30, 1996

FROM:

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NOTE: In the "OBSERVERS" column, if there is an * after the name, this designates the person who FIRST made the observation.

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVERS
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White-winged Scoter	1	23 Nov	Cass Co.--Lake Anita	P&R Allen
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Swainson's Hawk	3	7 Sept	Cerro Gordo Co.--Mason City Airport	P&R Allen
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Little Blue Heron	12	3 Aug	Fremont Co.--Sheldon Basin	P&R Allen
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NOTE: There were 9 adults plus 3 calico birds

	12	3 Aug	Fremont Co.--Waubonsie Wildlife Area	P&R Allen
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NOTE: There were 8 adults plus 4 calico birds

Cattle Egret	154	3 Aug	Fremont Co.--On dike near Waubonsie Wildlife Area	P&R Allen
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Great-tailed Grackle	28	3 Aug	Fremont Co.--1-1/2 mi. N of Hwy. 2 on L-30	P&R Allen
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Winter Wren	1	27 Oct	Guthrie Co.--Springbrook S.P.	P&R Allen
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Snowy Owl	2	22 Nov	Johnson Co.--Hawkeye Wildlife Area/Babcock Access Rd.	P&R Allen
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NOTE: We were excited to see the adult bird flying up to the top of a tall tree and then drove to the end of Babcock Access road and here sat an immature bird on the ground--we both said, "Oh, my God!--there's two of them!" What a sight to see those two Snowy Owls at the same time. Then when we heard there were three--wonder how many more will turn up in that area?

Red-necked Phalarope	1	11 Aug	Polk Co.--Saylorville Res.; Sandpiper Beach	P&R Allen
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NOTE: Photos enclosed (4), taken by Reid I. Allen.

Red Phalarope	1	13 Oct	Polk Co.--Saylorville Res.; Sandpiper Beach	P&R Allen
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NOTES: Photos enclosed (3), taken by Reid I. Allen. This is the bird that Jane Clark originally found earlier this date. While we were viewing the bird, Dennis Thompson and Wendy VanDeWalle also came along and observed this bird.

Warbler species		23 Aug.	Polk Co.--Polk City Wildlife Area	P & R Allen
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NOTE: We had a mini-fallout of warblers including: Tennessee, Nashville, Yellow, Chestnut-sided, Blackburnian, Black & White, American Redstart, Northern Waterthrush, Common Yellowthroat and Canada.

December 6, 1996

Thomas H. Kent
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Dear Tom:

Enclosed are our Field Reports for the Fall reporting period, along with a few photographs.

Please accept my apologies for this report being so late--would you believe I completely forgot that Field Reports were due. Must really be getting old in a hurry!!!

That Pinyon Jay sure was a beautiful bird. Reid might try and go up and get a couple of photos this weekend, unless there's a Clark's Nutcracker to chase or some other equally enticing rarity. It was good to see you and I'm sure glad Dick Tetrault got to see the bird.

Good birding!

Sincerely,

Pam

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*P.S. How can I get a copy of the
new Iowa Birds book for Reid
for Christmas? And, could it
be autographed by you & Jim? ☺*