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FIELD REPORTS: March 1 through May 31, 1997

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OTHER OBSERVERS: Eloise & Eugene Armstrong
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NOTE: In the "OBSERVERS" column, if there is an * before the name, this designates the person who FIRST made the observation.

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVERS
Red-throated Loon	1	14 April	Linn Co.-Pleasant Creek S.P.	Reid & Pam Allen
<u>NOTE: A photograph of this bird taken by Reid is enclosed.</u>				
Pied-billed Grebe	1	16 March	Cass Co.-Lake Anita S.P.	Reid & Pam Allen
Red-necked Grebe	2	6 May	Hardin Co.-Hubbard - 1 mi. W.	*Mark Proescholdt Beth Proescholdt Reid & Pam Allen
American Bittern	2 4	27 April 3 May	Tama Co.-Otter Creek Marsh Fremont Co.-Forney Lake	Reid & Pam Allen Reid & Pam Allen
Cattle Egret	4	3 May	Fremont Co.-Waubonsie W.L.A.	Reid & Pam Allen
Turkey Vulture	6	8 March	Washington Co.-Lake Darling S.P.	Reid & Pam Allen
Osprey	1	14 April	Dubuque Co.-Mines of Spain S.P.	Reid & Pam Allen
Northern Harrier	2	27 April	Tama Co.-Otter Creek Marsh	Reid & Pam Allen
<u>NOTE: the reason for this submission is because these birds were mating.</u>				
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	31 March	Polk Co.-Big Creek S.P.	*E & E Armstrong Reid & Pam Allen
Broad-winged Hawk	2	10 May	Polk Co.-Walnut Woods S.P.	Reid & Pam Allen
<u>NOTE: these birds were actively building a nest.</u>				
Peregrine Falcon	1	3 May	Fremont Co.-Riverton W.L.A.	Reid & Pam Allen
Sora	2	27 April	Tama Co.-Otter Creek Marsh	Reid & Pam Allen
Common Moorhen	1	3 May	Fremont Co.-Forney Lake	Reid & Pam Allen
<u>NOTE: we were surprised and delighted to see this bird feeding with the American Coots in and amongst the cattails. It's red bill really stood out.</u>				
American Golden Plover	363	4 May	Mills Co.-Henderson - 1-1/2 mi. S.	Reid & Pam Allen

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American Avocet 8 3 May Fremont Co.-Riverton W.L.A. Reid & Pam Allen

Willet 6 4 May Keokuk Co.-Harper - 5 1/2 mi. N. Reid & Pam Allen

NOTE: all these birds wanted to do was land in a small spot of water in a farm field, but the water was too close to the road so they just kept hovering and circling and coming in for an "almost" landing before they finally headed north.

Hudsonian Godwit 4 3 May Fremont Co.-Riverton W.L.A. Reid & Pam Allen

Common Snipe 126 29 March Louisa Co.-Cone Marsh Reid & Pam Allen

American Woodcock 1 16 March Cass Co.-Lake Anita S.P. Reid & Pam Allen

Wilson's Phalarope 35 3 May Fremont Co.-Riverton W.L.A. Reid & Pam Allen

Bonaparte's Gull 1 1 April Polk Co.-Johnston-Terra Lake Reid & Pam Allen

Forster's Tern 1 20 April Dallas Co.-Brenton Slough Reid & Pam Allen

Least Tern 1 26 May Pottawattamie Co.-Mid-American Energy settling ponds Reid & Pam Allen

NOTE: it didn't look like this bird was nesting but was simply resting on the shore of the pond. It would get up and hunt for food and then come back and rest on the shore. They sure are a small bird and that little white patch on their forehead is an easy field mark to see.

White-winged Dove 1 29 April Marshall Co.-LeGrand Reid & Pam Allen

NOTE: this bird was first located and observed by Mark Proescholdt. A photograph taken by Reid on the 29th is enclosed.

Least Flycatcher 1 6 May Polk Co.-W.D.M.-1601 Pleasant St. Reid & Pam Allen

Western Kingbird 1 10 May Polk Co.-D.M.-State Capitol Reid & Pam Allen
1 17 May Woodbury Co.-Sioux City-pasture behind Fairfield Inn Reid & Pam Allen

Northern Rough-winged Swallow 1 27 April Tama Co.-Otter Creek Marsh Reid & Pam Allen

Winter Wren 1 29 March Scott Co.-Davenport-Credit Island Reid & Pam Allen

Marsh Wren 1 3 May Fremont Co.-Forney Lake Reid & Pam Allen

Golden-crowned Kinglet 1 14 April Dubuque Co.-Mines of Spain S.P. Reid & Pam Allen

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Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	29 March	Scott Co.-Davenport-Fairmont Cemetery	Reid & Pam Allen
Veery	1	21 May	Polk Co.-W.D.M.-1601 Pleasant St.	Pam Allen
Swainson's Thrush	1 11	3 May 11 May	Polk Co.-W.D.M.-1601 Pleasant St. Polk Co.-W.D.M.-1601 Pleasant St.	Reid & Pam Allen Reid & Pam Allen
Hermit Thrush	1	29 March	Scott Co.-Davenport-Credit Island	Reid & Pam Allen
Gray Catbird	1	5 May	Polk Co.-W.D.M.-1601 Pleasant St.	Reid & Pam Allen
Brown Thrasher	1	29 March	Scott Co.-Davenport-West Lakes Pk.	Reid & Pam Allen
American Pipit	1	18 May	Woodbury Co.-Salix-3 mi. W.	Reid & Pam Allen
Northern Shrike	1	8 March	Louisa Co.-Cone Marsh	Reid & Pam Allen
<u>NOTE: we were rather surprised to discover that this was a "Northern" Shrike as we thought we would more likely find a Loggerhead Shrike. This definitely was a Northern Shrike, however, with its paler plumage and black eye mask ending abruptly before the bridge over the beak.</u>				
Solitary Vireo	1	5 May	Polk Co.-W.D.M.-1601 Pleasant St.	Reid & Pam Allen
Warbling Vireo	1	6 May	Polk Co.-W.D.M.-1601 Pleasant St.	Reid & Pam Allen
Golden-winged Warbler	1	21 May	Polk Co.-W.D.M.-1601 Pleasant St.	Reid & Pam Allen
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	30 April	Polk Co.-W.D.M.-1601 Pleasant St.	Reid & Pam Allen
Magnolia Warbler	1	11 May	Story Co.-Petersen Pits	Reid & Pam Allen
Yellow-throated Warbler	1	1 May	Boone Co.-Ledges S.P.	Reid & Pam Allen
Palm Warbler	1	27 April	Linn Co.-Pleasant Creek S.P.	Reid & Pam Allen
Bay-breasted Warbler	1	21 May	Polk Co.-W.D.M.-1601 Pleasant St.	Pam Allen
<u>NOTE: it's too bad we don't get to see more beautiful alternate plumaged male Bay-Breasteds.</u>				
Blackpoll Warbler	2	11 May	Story Co.-Petersen Pits	Reid & Pam Allen
American Redstart	1	11 May	Story Co.-Petersen Pits	Reid & Pam Allen
Northern Waterthrush	1	3 May	Fremont Co.-Riverton W.L.A.	Reid & Pam Allen

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Connecticut Warbler	1	30 May	Polk Co.-W.D.M.-1601 Pleasant St.	Pam Allen
Wilson's Warbler	1	10 May	Polk Co.-Walnut Woods S.P.	Reid & Pam Allen
Western Tanager	1	11 May	Story Co.-Ames-Rimmler residence	Reid & Pam Allen
			<u>NOTE: a photograph of this bird taken by Reid is enclosed.</u>	
Lazuli Bunting	1	26 May	Mills Co.-Glenwood-4 mi. N.	Reid & Pam Allen
			<u>NOTE: a photograph of this bird taken by Reid is enclosed</u>	
Indigo Bunting	1	10 May	Polk Co.-Walnut Woods S.P.	Reid & Pam Allen
Dickcissel	1	10 May	Polk Co.-D.M.-Army Post Rd & 150th	Reid & Pam Allen
Chipping Sparrow	1	6 April	Polk Co.-W.D.M.-1601 Pleasant St.	Reid & Pam Allen
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	3 May	Fremont Co.-Riverton W.L.A.	Reid & Pam Allen
Grasshopper Sparrow	1	10 May	Polk Co.-D.M.-Army Post Rd & 150th	Reid & Pam Allen
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	1 May	Polk Co.-W.D.M.-1601 Pleasant St.	Reid & Pam Allen
Eastern Meadowlark	1	29 March	Scott Co.-Davenport-West Lakes Pk	Reid & Pam Allen
			<u>NOTE: this bird was singing.</u>	
Great-tailed Grackle (Including 5 females)	17	30 March	Greene Co.-Dunbar Slough	Reid & Pam Allen
Purple Finch	1	1 May	Polk Co.-W.D.M.-1601 Pleasant St.	Reid & Pam Allen
Red Crossbill	7	26 May	Mills Co.-Glenwood-4 mi. N.	Reid & Pam Allen
			<u>NOTE: a photograph taken by Reid is enclosed. This location is at the Leick residence where the Lazuli Bunting paid a visit. Mrs. Leick said they have Red Crossbills often during the winters.</u>	
Pine Siskin	3	26 May	Mills Co.-Glenwood-4 mi. N.	Reid & Pam Allen
			<u>NOTE: this location is also at the Leick residence and Mrs. Leick said she had to rescue a recently fledged Pine Siskin after it collided with a window. After it rested awhile in a paper bag, Mrs. Leick released the bird. I don't know if the news that the Siskins had nested here was of any relative importance but decided to include this information. I'm sure Mrs. Leick would be glad to give further details if it were warranted.</u>	

ADDENDUM TO SPRING FIELD REPORTS: ALSO ENCLOSED WITH THIS REPORT IS A PHOTOGRAPH OF A FERRUGINOUS HAWK TAKEN BY REID ON 15 FEBRUARY 1997 IN CERRO GORDO COUNTY.