

Fall Field Reports-1997

All James Dinsmore-JJD unless otherwise indicated

SJD= Stephen J. Dinsmore; WRS= W. Ross Silcock; ETh= Ed Thelen

- ✓ Common Loon-1 at Hallett's Quarry, Ames on 31 Aug (John Snyder fide JJD)
- ✓ Eared Grebe-1 at Harrier Marsh, 17 September
- ✓ American Bittern-1 at Black Hawk Marsh, Sac Co., 16 Nov (Brent Danielson fide JJD). Brent flushed the bird while hunting. Saw long legs, streaking on neck, etc. (third latest)
- ✓ Great Egret-303 at Waubonsie W.A. on 13 Aug, with SJD, WRS
- ✓ Snowy Egret-17 at Waubonsie W.A. on 13 Aug, with SJD, WRS
- ✓ Little Blue Heron-28 at Waubonsie W.A. on 13 Aug, with SJD, WRS (17 adults, 7 imm, 4 calicos)
- ✓ Cattle Egret-83 at Waubonsie W.A. on 13 Aug, with SJD, WRS
- ✓ Black-crowned Night-Heron-1 over Ames, 10 Oct
- ✓ Ibis species-1 at Harrier M., 15 Aug (with ETh). decurved bill clearly seen, back and wings a shiny iridescent green color, head, neck and much of body, dull dark brown
- ✓ Ibis species-Black Hawk M. in Sac Co., 13 Oct (dark body, decurved bill, seen at 20 feet) Terry Hulsebus fide JJD
- ✓ Roseate Spoonbill-one at Waubonsie W.A. on 13 Aug, with SJD, WRS
- ✓ Ring-necked Duck-1 male at Harrier M. on 2 Aug (summered there)
- ✓ Northern Harrier-1 west of Kellerton, Decatur Co., 13 Aug

- ✓ Swainson's Hawk-16 in kettle north of Boone, 30 Sept (Mike Havlik fide JJD)
- ✓ Merlin-a male of the Richardson's subspecies along I-80 near Mitchellville on 30 Oct (Brian Wheeler fide JJD) was a bit east of where it is usually found Note: Wheeler is one of the co-authors of the Peterson field guide to hawks. He has been communicating with me relative to a new edition of the book and sent me this record. I see no reason to doubt his identification skills.
- ✓ Sora-2 at Harrier M., 1 Sept
- ✓ Sandhill Crane-up to 11 at Sweet Marsh through end of October, (Darin Siefken fide JJD)
- ✓ American Golden-Plover-1 at Big Creek L., 4 Oct
- ✓ Short-billed Dowitcher-2 at Harrier M on 2 Aug
- ✓ Franklin's Gull-est. 30,000 at Saylorville Res., 4 Oct
- ✓ Bonaparte's Gull-3 at Big Creek S.P., 8 Oct
- ✓ 2 at Ames, 14 Nov
- ✓ Common Tern-1 at Big Creek S.P., 8 Oct (late--perched on beach with several Forster's Terns, dark carpal bar immediately noticeable, somewhat more black on back of head)
- ✓ Forster's Tern-5 at Big Creek S.P., 8 Oct
- ✓ Mourning Doves-two seen just leaving nest in Ames, 16 Sept, 17 Sept (late)
- ✓ Eurasian Collared Dove-one at Grinnell, 19 September
2 at Grinnell, 7 Oct-slightly larger than Mourning Dove, long tail but not pointed, rounded aspect to tail noted when it flew a few feet, dark under tail coverts and dark band on back of neck noted
- ✓ Short-eared Owl-one found injured at Camp Dodge in Polk Co., 29 Oct, Mary Jones fide JJD
- ✓ Olive-sided Flycatcher-1 near St. Anthony, 6 Sept

- ✓ American Crow-493 coming to roost at ISU campus, 31 Aug, unusually high count for so early in season
- ✓ thousands there by early November
- 3,300 plus on 22 Nov

- Red-breasted Nuthatch-2 in Ames, 21 Aug, Paula Anderson fide JJD
- ✓ 1 in Ames, 23, 24 Aug, 28 Aug, 16 Sept and on through Nov, JJD
- ✓ 1 near St. Anthony, 6 Sept
- 1 at Iowa City, 19 Sept, 1 at Coralville Res, 20 Sept

- ✓ Carolina Wren-1 at Iowa City, 19 Sept

- ✓ Marsh Wren-1 at Harrier M., 17 Sept

- ✓ American Pipit-6 at Saylorville Res., 4 Oct (with Aaron Brees)

- ✓ Spotted Towhee-1 near Ledges S.P., 5 Oct, Mark Widrlechner and Sherry Dragula, fide JJD

- ✓ Fox Sparrow-1 in Ames, 5 Nov, 15 Nov

- ✓ Bobolink-2 at Harrier Marsh, 17 Sept

- ✓ Great-tailed Grackle-one at Waubonsie W.A., 13 Aug

- ✓ Evening Grosbeak-2 near Boone, 30 Oct (Karl Jungbluth fide JJD, seen at his feeder)