

FIELD REPORTS:

August 1 through November 30, 1997

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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
✓ Peregrine Falcon	1	3 Aug.	Guthrie Co. - Bay's Branch	P & R Allen
	1	10 Aug.	Polk Co. - Saylorville Lake - Sandpiper Beach	P & R Allen
✓ Piping Plover	3	10 Aug.	Polk Co. - Saylorville Lake - Sandpiper Beach	P & R Allen
✓ Willet	1	10 Aug.	Polk Co. - Saylorville Lake - Sandpiper Beach	P & R Allen
✓ Ruddy Turnstone	1	10 Aug.	Polk Co. - Saylorville Lake - Sandpiper Beach	P & R Allen
✓ Pectoral Sandpiper	1	16 Nov.	Cass Co. - Lake Anita State Park NOTE: thought this was a little late	P & R Allen
✓ Red-necked Phalarope	3	21 Aug.	Boone Co. - Harrier Marsh	Phil Walsh* P & R Allen
			NOTE: Phil and his daughter Katie were just leaving Harrier Marsh when we arrived and told us about the 3 Phalaropes being at the Marsh. We did get a chance to watch them for quite awhile.	
✓ Least Tern	1	3 Aug.	Boone Co. - Harrier Marsh	P & R Allen
			Pam's disjointed field note details: 1:22 to 1:40 p.m.; 92° and hazy sun; viewed from 80-100 yards; adult; white forehead; yellow bill; light orange-flesh legs; black cap extends part way down neck; little bit of black on bill where it joins face; black triangle through eyes to bill and cap. NOTE: two photographs (taken by Reid) are being sent under separate cover.	

✓ **Eurasian Collared Dove** 1 30 Aug. Poweshiek Co. - Grinnell; 1/4 mi. east of Hwy. 146 on 16th St. P & R Allen
E & E Armstrong
Tom Kent

NOTE: assume these birds have been documented by original observer. However, some notes are written below and **two photographs (taken by Reid)** are being sent under separate cover.

Pam's notes: Heard first from 1/8 mile away. Located bird in top of large cottonwood tree about 75 feet off the ground. Observed sitting and flying. Looked like Mourning Dove but was paler; no wing spotting; wide white terminal band under tail with black undertail. Collar was thin with white edges. Primaries were dark; wing feathers looked scalloped; tail was square. Lighter underwing linings which contrasted with dark primaries. Call was coo COO coo; coo COO coo. Observed from 3:10 - 3:30 p.m.; 87°; light winds; partly cloudy skies. Habitat: Suburban -- on edge of golf course with homes close by. Farmed fields about 1/8 mile away.

✓ **House Wren** 1 18 Oct. Ringgold Co. - Ringgold Wildlife Area P & R Allen
Area

✓ **Bohemian Waxwing** 1 8 Nov. Allamakee Co. - 1/2 mi. west of Hwy. A76 on Hwy. A26. Reid Allen*
Pam Allen
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Reid's notes: Many, many Cedar Waxwings sitting in large tree; Bohemian Waxwing was sitting a little higher and to the left of the main flock of birds; obviously larger bird although not viewed from any different distance than other birds; much grayer bird with no yellow on breast; uniformly gray from breast to undertail coverts (could not see undertail covert). Very black throat; two white wing slashes.

✓ **Yellow-rumped Warbler** 1 28 Nov. Warren Co. - Hooper Wildlife Area P & R Allen

✓ **Indigo Bunting** 1 30 Nov.** Davis Co. - Soap Creek Township P & R Allen
** Record Latest Just north of intersection of Hwy. J19 & Hwy. T7J.

Pam's notes: Couldn't figure out what this bird was at first; same size as House Sparrows, Song Sparrow and Juncos among other birds in a mixed flock in a large brush pile. Observed from about 75 yards away with Kowa TSN-4 scope and binoculars. Rather warm brown bird with conical shaped bill; not much streaking on breast; very faint, if any. Belly was lighter than breast and back of bird; tail was darker and folded wings showed a bluish/brown cast, as did the tail.

✓ **Dark-eyed Junco** 1 4 Oct. Greene Co. - Squirrel Hollow Pk. P & R Allen

✓ **White-winged Crossbill** 2 8 Nov. Allamakee Co. - Yellow River Forest P & R Allen
Sawmill

Reid's comments: one of the hardest birds to get a good picture of!!! Therefore, none enclosed.

✓ **Common Redpoll** 1 11-14 Nov. Polk Co. - 1601 Pleasant Street, WDM P & R Allen

December 2, 1997

Thomas Kent
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Dear Tom:

How are getting along this fall?

Enclosed are our fall field reports. Hope they might be of some use to you, the Records Committee, or whomever! Photos will be sent under separate cover.

We've seen some good birds this reporting period.

Sincerely,



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