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✓ 1	Turkey Vulture First.	1	3/26/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	
✓ 2	Red-tailed Hawk Krider's Red Tail	1	3/30/97	Rural area, Fairfield, IA	Woods
✓ 3	Peregrine Falcon First.	1	5/1/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods
✓ 4	Peregrine Falcon An adult perched at edge of woods. Heavily barred belly, falcon face pattern, pointed wings in flight.	1	5/10/97	Jeff. Co. Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
5	Wild Turkey Hen flies out of top of a tree with great noise and commotion -- a huge, ungainly, beautiful silhouette.	1	5/28/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
✓ 6	Hudsonian Godwit At last, my life Hudsonian Godwit. This one was in basic plumage.	1	5/16/97	Power plant, Sioux City, IA	Fly Ash Pond
✓ 7	Sanderling One in basic plumage (white) and one in alternate plumage (brown).	2	5/18/97	Power plant, Sioux City, IA	Fly Ash Pond
✓ 8	Common Snipe First	3	3/30/97	Rural area, Fairfield, IA	Puddle
✓ 9	Wilson's Phalarope	1	5/18/97	Power plant, Sioux City, IA	Fly Ash Pond
✓ 10	Least Tern A tiny lithe tern. White forehead and black cap. Bright yellow bill. Short forked tail. Light gray mantle. No windows or black tips on wing.	1	5/18/97	Power plant, Sioux City, IA	Fly Ash Pond

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11	Northern Saw-whet Owl Calling, a mellow resonant soft tut tut tut tut tut on and on at 5:45 A.M., still pretty dark. It stopped as soon as I opened the door, and I never found it, but the chickadees were in a frenzy outside. I listened to a tape and was convinced it was a Saw-whet. I considered a blue jay imitating a saw whet, but I doubt that a jay would call in darkness, or so steadily, softly, and long.	1	3/27/97	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Residential area
12	Common Nighthawk A rather late first	1	5/15/97	Rural Area, Fairfield, IA	Farmland
13	Chimney Swift First. A quite late first	10	4/29/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Flyover
14	Ruby-throated Hummingbird Female. This is the first female I saw this year. I did not note date of male arrival, but it has been several weeks.	1	5/24/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
15	Eastern Wood-Pewee First	1	5/23/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
16	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher Small empid, very yellow, with yellow wingbars and very short wings. Yellowish eyering. It was silent	1	5/24/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
17	Eastern Phoebe First one I've seen this year. Not by the stream, but into the woods a ways, but close to where it nests every year. Kind of a late first.	1	3/25/97	Lamson Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods
18	Great Crested Flycatcher First	1	5/3/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
19	Black-billed Magpie A pair has a nest in a plum thicket.	2	5/16/97	Nature Conservancy, near Sioux City, IA	Loess Hill
20	Brown Creeper First of the year. Two were at Lamson Woods, Fairfield, and the other in my back yard, a couple of miles away.	3	3/25/97	Lamson Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods

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21	Marsh Wren First	1	5/4/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Riparian
22	Golden-crowned Kinglet First I've seen, and quite a crowd of them.	5	3/25/97	Lamson Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods
23	Ruby-crowned Kinglet Last	1	5/20/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
24	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher A late first sighting. Last 5/9/97. I have never found them in Jefferson County in the summer, though they're all over the place just a few miles south, at Lacey Keosauqua State Park.	2	4/29/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Flyover
25	Gray-cheeked Thrush No rufous on back, head, or tail. No buffy on breast or cheek. No eye ring. Last on 5/9	1	5/5/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
26	Swainson's Thrush First 5/11. Maximum was 4 on 5/13. Seen every day 5/23 - 5/28. Last was one heard singing on 5/30 in woods next to Fairfield.	1	5/11/97	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Residential area
27	Hermit Thrush First. This is a late first. Rufous tail, slowly raised and lowered. No red on head or back. Wings had some rufous.	1	5/1/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Trees
28	Gray Catbird First	1	5/3/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Riparian
29	Solitary Vireo First	1	5/10/97	Jeff. Co. Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
30	Warbling Vireo First	1	5/10/97	Jeff. Co. Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous

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31	Philadelphia Vireo First	1	5/23/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
32	Red-eyed Vireo First. Amazingly late!	1	5/23/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
33	Golden-winged Warbler Saw a female and heard one sing, so I presume that means there were 2.	2	5/23/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
34	Tennessee Warbler First. Right on schedule. Maximum 5 on 5/23 Last so far 5/29/97	1	5/5/97	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Trees
35	Orange-crowned Warbler First this spring, which is a few days late	1	5/1/97	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Trees
36	Nashville Warbler First. Saw 4 on 5/13, for maximum	1	5/7/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
37	Northern Parula First. Last so far 5/29	1	5/10/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
38	Yellow Warbler First	1	5/10/97	Jeff. Co. Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
39	Chestnut-sided Warbler First. Last so far 5/29/97.	1	5/22/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
40	Magnolia Warbler Singing and being seen 5/29. Female seen 5/30.	1	5/29/97	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous

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41	Black-throated Green Warbler Female	1	5/22/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
42	Blackburnian Warbler First. A male, singing and being beautiful. He stayed around three days. On 5/22 a female at Indigo Woods.	1	5/11/97	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Residential area
43	Palm Warbler	1	5/10/97	Jeff. Co. Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
44	Black-and-white Warbler	1	5/9/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
45	American Redstart First	2	5/10/97	Jeff. Co. Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
46	Ovenbird First	1	5/10/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
47	Northern Waterthrush First. Saw another one in another place along the stream at Indigo Woods the next day 5/4. Also saw in Fairfield on 5/5, 5/7, 5/9, 5/10, 5/23, 5/24.	1	5/3/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Stream
48	Mourning Warbler This is a treat. Rare in Jefferson Co.	1	5/24/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
49	Common Yellowthroat First.	2	5/7/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
50	Wilson's Warbler First 5/7/97 Saw virtually every day in May after 7th.	2	5/7/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Riparian

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51	Canada Warbler All yellow below, black on side of face in sort of a triangle behind and below eye. White-and-yellow spectacles. Black necklace, going all around but with rather short stripes at center. No wing bars, blue gray back and wings.	1	5/29/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
52	Rose-breasted Grosbeak A female. Somewhat late first date.	1	5/13/97	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
53	Indigo Bunting First. A lone male. Never saw more than one a day until after May 20.	1	5/7/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
54	Eastern Towhee First	1	5/7/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
55	Fox Sparrow First.	1	3/25/97	Lamson Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods
56	Lincoln's Sparrow First 5/7. Maximum was 4 on 5/13. Last was seen by my husband on 5/16.	1	5/7/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
57	Swamp Sparrow First	1	4/7/97	Indigo Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods
58	White-crowned Sparrow Only one I saw.	1	5/4/97	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Forest edge
59	Harris's Sparrow With black crown and throat. Very handsome. I don't often see these in Jefferson Co.	1	5/13/97	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Residential area
60	Great-tailed Grackle Brown-headed female. Longer bill and longer tail than Common Grackle.	1	5/17/97	Monona Co., IA	Marsh

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61	Orchard Oriole	1	5/10/97	Jeff. Co. Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods, deciduous
	Male.				
	From reports of other people, I learned that there is a nest of Orchard Orioles near where I saw this individual.				
62	Baltimore Oriole	3	5/7/97	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Residential area
	They're back, and singing.				