

Dear Tom,

It's been a good Spring!  
they go by too quickly!

Good luck with field reports  
and have a great summer!

Have fun on your Lewis  
and Clark exploring this summer!  
take care and good birding!

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Spring 1998  
Field Reports

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Some general observations.

Grebes — lots of Horned Grebe sightings this spring

Waterfowl — starting well with water areas open in late February, then big freeze March 9<sup>th</sup> and on froze all the water areas. Big waterfowl days on March 25 in southeast Iowa and March 28 in north central Iowa.

Shorebirds — good shorebird places were hard to find — either too much water or not enough. It seemed shorebirds were later than usual. I missed seeing any godwits this spring, and I didn't see very big numbers for most of the other species.

Cuckoos — lots of sightings and songs this spring.

Thrushes — Very small numbers seen compared to most springs. I saw only 2 Gray-cheeked Thrushes, heard only 1 Wood Thrush, and saw or heard 1 or 2 Veerys. Swainson's numbers were down greatly. They must have flown right by us!

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Warblers — There were no big days when warblers were all over like some Spring days. Many times there were few warblers (like the IOU weekend in Ames).

However, there were good warbler days in May.

- May 6 — Grammer Grove Park — 12 warbler species
- May 9 — Benton, Buchanan, + Butler Counties — 12 warbler species
- May 11 — Grammer Grove — 14 warbler species
- May 13 — Grammer Grove — 13 warbler species
- May 24 — Ledges, S.P. — 11 warbler species

Sparrows — Good variety and numbers in May 6 — May 9 window → (Harris', Lincoln's, white-throated, white-crowned, and clay-colored).

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
✓ Common Loon	1	May 20	Little Wall Lake - (Hamilton Co.) - in basic plumage
✓ Horned Grebe	4	March 25	Lake Sugoma - (van Buren Co.) - BP
✓ " "	3	March 30	Diamond Lake - (Powershiek Co.)
✓ " "	8	April 10	Lake Cornelia - (Wright Co.)
✓ " "	5	April 10	Smith Lake Co. Park - (Kossuth Co.)
✓ " "	6	April 10	East Twin Lake - (Hancock Co.)
✓ " "	1	May 20	Myre Slough - (Winnebago Co.)
✓ Red-necked Grebe	3	April 10	Lake Cornelia - (Wright Co.)
✓ " " "	1	April 18	Little Wall Lake - (Hamilton Co.) - BP
✓ Eared Grebe	1	April 18	Anderson Lake - (Hamilton Co.) - BP
✓ " "	2	April 10	West Twin Lake - (Hancock Co.)
✓ Western Grebe	1	May 31	Hendrickson's Marsh - (Story Co.) - BP - (Hank J. found it)
✓ American Bittern	1	April 18	wet, marshy Area - East of Dunbar Slough - (Greene Co.) - BP
✓ " "	1	April 20	Otter Creek Marsh - (Tama Co.)
✓ " "	1	May 6	Tomahawk Marsh - (Sac Co.) - BP
✓ " "	1	May 20	Eagle Lake - (Hancock Co.)
✓ Great Egret	1	April 3	Hubbard Gravel Pit - (Hardin Co.)
✓ Green Heron	1	May 4	Diamond Lake - (Powershiek Co.)
✓ Black-Crowned Night Heron	1	April 10	Union Slough NWR - (Kossuth Co.)
✓ " " " "	3+	April 18	Dunbar Slough - (Greene Co.) - BP
✓ " " " "	1	April 22	Big Marsh - (Butler Co.) - BP
✓ " " " "	1	May 6	Bjorkbada Marsh - (Hamilton Co.) - BP
✓ Gr. White-fronted Goose	12	March 25	Maskunkya Marsh - (Mahaska Co.) - BP
✓ " " " "	1	May 2	Big marsh - BP



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✓ Snow Goose	12	May 2	Big Marsh - (Butter Co.) - BP
✓ Ross' Goose	1	March 23	Diamond Lake - (Poweshiek Co.) (short stubby bill, no grin patch, Blue wattling on bill, small, clean white on head)
✓ Ross' Goose	1	March 25	Lake Sugoma - (Van Buren Co.) - BP (small, very white, short bill, no grin patch, blue wattling on bill, good looks with 22x scope)
✓ American Black Duck	2	March 4	Big Marsh
✓ " " "	2	March 28	Zirbel Slough - (Cerro Gordo Co.) - BP
✓ Greater Scaup	1	April 6	Beed's Lake S.P. - (Franklin Co.) - (Long wing stripe)
✓ Hooded Merganser	4	May 20	all females - Union Slough NWR - (Kossuth Co.)
✓ Red-breasted Merganser	9	March 25	Lake Keonah S.P. - (Mahaska Co.) - BP
✓ Osprey	1	March 28	Crystal Lake - (Hancock Co.) - BP
✓ " "	1	May 10	Grammer Grove Co. Park - (Marshall Co.) - BP
✓ Mississippi Kite	1	May 24	Ledges S.P. Campground - (Boone Co.) - BP (nice grayish adult perched in the top of a tree - good looks!)
✓ Cooper's Hawk	1	May 14	Diamond Lake - (Poweshiek Co.)
✓ " "	1	May 15	south of Steamboat Rock - (Hardin Co.)
SD " "	1	May 16, May 17	McFarland Park - (Story Co.) - IOU - m. ob.
✓ " "	1	May 31	Hendrickson's Marsh - (Story Co.) - BP
✓ Red-shouldered Hawk	1	May 9	Dudgeon Lake - (Benton Co.) - BP
✓ " " "	1	May 24	immature soaring - Ledges S.P. - (Boone Co.) - BP
✓ Broadwinged Hawk	1	May 24	adult - Ledges S.P. - (soaring with Red-sh. Hawk) - BP
✓ Swainson's Hawk	1	May 20	Hancock County - North of Eagle Lake - (soaring over a farmer who was disking up his field)
✓ Rough-legged Hawk	1	March 16, March 19	North of Montour - (Tama Co.)
✓ Blue-winged Teal	2	March 25	Maskunky Marsh - (Mahaska Co.) - BP



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✓ Rough-legged Hawk	1	March 23	Otter Creek Marsh - (tama Co.)
✓ Gray Partridge	2	April 10	Northwest Wright Co.
✓ " "	2	May 6	Tomahawk Marsh - Sac Co.
✓ Northern Bobwhite	2	April 4	(Buckanan Co.) - Cedar valley nature trail - BP
✓ Sora	1	April 22	Big Marsh - (Butler Co.) - BP
✓ Sandhill Crane	2	March 30	Otter Creek Marsh
✓ " "	1	April 22	Big Marsh - BP
✓ Black-bellied Plover	8	May 20	Myre Slough - (winnebago Co.)
✓ " " "	1	May 31	North of Collins - (Story Co.) - BP
✓ American Golden Plover	80±	April 18	Greene County - wet field - BP
✓ " " "	25±	May 13	flying over Liscomb yard - (marshall Co.)
✓ Semipalmated Plover	1	May 25	Sweet Marsh - (Bremer Co.) - BP
✓ Solitary Sandpiper	2	May 2	Big Marsh
✓ Willet	12	April 24	Colo Ponds - (Story Co.)
✓ Spotted Sandpiper	1	April 28	Hubbard Gravel Pit - (Hardin Co.)
✓ Upland Sandpiper	5	May 20	flooded field Northwest of Algona - (Kossuth Co.)
✓ Ruddy Turnstone	1	May 25	Sweet Marsh - (south pond drained) - BP
✓ Semipalmated Sandpiper	1	May 2	Big Marsh
✓ Least Sandpiper	3	May 2	Big Marsh
✓ White-rumped Sandpiper	2	May 20	flooded field north of Big wall - (wright Co.)
✓ Dunlin	1	May 2	Big Marsh - BP
✓ " "	1	May 20	flooded field north of Big wall
✓ " "	1	May 31	Northeast of Collins - (Story Co.) - BP
✓ Stilt Sandpiper	1	May 25	Sweet Marsh - BP



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✓ Short-Billed Dowitcher	1	May 20	wet field - east of Jewell - (Hamilton Co.)
✓ Long-Billed Dowitcher	1	April 7	Colo Ponds - (Story Co.)
✓ " " "	16	May 5	Hubbard Gravel Pit - ( <sup>Hardin</sup> Co.) - (Barred Flanks) (Swimming for a bit)
✓ " " "	1	May 6	Sac Co. - ( <sup>old dredge pond</sup> Black Hawk Lake) - BP - (Barred Flanks)
✓ American Woodcock	1	April 10	St. Benedict W.A. - (Kossuth Co.)
✓ Wilson's Phalarope	1	May 6	wet area - east of Jewell - ( <sup>Hamilton</sup> Co.) - BP
✓ Caspian Tern	2	May 24	<sup>flying</sup> North of Ledges S.P. - (Boone Co.) - BP
✓ Forster's Tern	1	May 2	Big Marsh - (Butter Co.) - BP
✓ Black Tern	5	May 12	Radcliffe Lagoon - (Hardin Co.)
Black-billed Cuckoo	1	May 20	East Twin Lake - (Hancock Co.)
" " "	1	May 24	Ledges S.P.
✓ " " "	1	May 25	Grammer Grove Park - ( <sup>Marshall</sup> Co.) - BP
✓ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	May 11	Grammer Grove - BP
" " "	4+	May 24	Ledges S.P. - BP - (lots of cuckoo songs + sightings this Spring)
✓ Northern Saw-whet Owl	1	March 4	Big Marsh
✓ Common Nighthawk	1	May 14	over Toledo - (Tama Co.)
✓ Chimney Swift	2	April 25	over Grinnell - (Poweshiek Co.)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	March 25	Lake Keomah S.P. - (Mahaska Co.) - BP
✓ " " "	1	May 3	Liscomb yard - (Marshall Co.) - BP
✓ Pileated Woodpecker	1	May 24	Ledges S.P. - → @ nest hole
✓ Eastern Wood Pewee	1	May 16	Peterson Pits - (Story Co.) - BP
✓ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	May 20	A.A. Call S.P. - (Kossuth Co.)
✓ " " "	2	May 25	Grammer Grove - BP
✓ Alder Flycatcher	2	May 25	Grammer Grove - BP
✓ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2	April 10	Lake Cornelia - (Wright Co.)



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✓ Great Crested Flycatcher	2	May 9	Dudgeon Lake - (Benton Co.) - BP
✓ Eastern Kingbird	1	April 27	Otter Creek Marsh - (Tama Co.)
✓ Purple Martin	2	April 11	Martin House in Eldon - (Wapello Co.) - BP
✓ Tree Swallow	5+	March 25	Lake Sugema - (Van Buren Co.) - BP
✓ Red-breasted Nuthatch	3	April 12	Liscomb yard - (Marshall Co.)
✓ " " "	1	April 30, May 7	Diamond Lake - (Poweshiek Co.)
✓ " " "	1	May 11	Grammer Grove - (Marshall Co.) - BP
✓ House Wren	1	April 25	Southwest of Lacey-Keo, S.P. - (Van Buren Co.) - BP
✓ Winter Wren	1	April 4	Crumbacher W.A. - (Buchanan Co.)
✓ Sedge Wren	1	May 9	Big Marsh - (Butler Co.)
✓ Marsh Wren	2+	May 2	Big Marsh
✓ Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	March 28	Clear Lake - (Cerro Gordo Co.) - BP
✓ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	March 29	farm grove south of Liscomb - (Marshall Co.)
✓ " " "	1	May 17	Peterson Pits - (Story Co.) - IOU - m. ob.
✓ Veery	1	May 10	Grammer Grove - BP
✓ Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	May 13	Liscomb yard
✓ " " "	1	May 22	Pine Lake S.P. - (Hardin Co.)
✓ Swainson's Thrush	1	May 10	Liscomb yard - BP
✓ " " "	6	May 12	together at Pine Lake S.P.
✓ " " "	1	May 26	Liscomb yard - BP
✓ " " "	1	May 29	in Marshalltown - (Marshall Co.)
✓ Hermit Thrush	1+	April 4	Crumbacher W.A. - (Buchanan Co.)
✓ Wood Thrush	1	May 27	Grammer Grove - BP, RS
✓ Gray Catbird	1	May 6	Grammer Grove - BP, RS, GS



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✓ Northern Mockingbird	1	May 8	(Hardin Co.) - (east of Radcliffe) - (flew across road to farmstead)
✓ Loggerhead Shrike	1	April 18	Greene County - BP
✓ Blue-headed Vireo	1	May 13	Grammer Grove - (Marshall Co.) - BP
Yellow-throated Vireo	1	May 9	Buchanan County - BP
✓ Warbling Vireo	1	April 25	Southwest of Lacey-Keo, S.P. - (Van Buren Co.) - BP
✓ Red-eyed Vireo	1	May 10	Grammer Grove - BP
✓ Blue-winged Warbler	1	May 6	Grammer Grove - BP
✓ " " "	1	May 27	Grammer Grove
✓ Golden-winged Warbler	1	May 6	Grammer Grove - BP, RS, GS
" " "	2	May 9	Dudgeon Lake - (Benton Co.) - BP
✓ " " "	2	May 13	Grammer Grove - BP
✓ Tennessee Warbler	2	May 6	Grammer Grove - BP, RS, GS
✓ " " "	1-2	May 25	Grammer Grove - BP
" " "	4+	May 13	Grammer Grove - BP
✓ Orange-crowned Warbler	1	April 30	Diamond Lake - (Poweshiek Co.)
✓ " " "	3+	May 6	Grammer Grove - BP, RS, GS
✓ " " "	1	May 20	Smith Wildlife Area - (south of Algona) - (Kossuth Co.)
✓ Nashville Warbler	5	May 6	Grammer Grove - BP, RS, GS
" " "	1	May 18	Grammer Grove
✓ Northern Parula	3	April 25	Ely Ford - (Lacey-Keo S.P.) - (Van Buren Co.) - BP, JF, TK, BC
✓ Yellow Warbler	1	May 6	Grammer Grove - BP, RS, GS
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1	May 12	Pine Lake S.P. - (Hardin Co.)
✓ " " "	2	May 27	Grammer Grove - BP, RS
✓ Magnolia Warbler	1	May 10	Liscomb yard - (Marshall Co.) - BP



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✓ Magnolia Warbler	2	May 25	Grammer Grove Park - (Marshall Co.) - BP
✓ Cape May Warbler	2	May 11	Grammer Grove - BP
✓ Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	April 4	Lime Creek Co. Area - (Buchanan Co.) - BP
✓ " " "	6±	May 11	Grammer Grove - BP
Black-throated Green Warbler	1	May 20	A.A. Call S.P. - (Kossuth Co.)
✓ " " " "	2	May 6	Grammer Grove - BP, RS, GS
✓ Blackburnian Warbler	1	May 11	Grammer Grove - BP
✓ " " "	1-2	May 25	Grammer Grove - BP
✓ Yellow-throated Warbler	1	April 11	Ely Ford - (Lacey-Kee S.P.) - (Van Buren Co.) - BP, PA, RA
✓ " " "	2	May 24	Ledges S.P. - (Boone Co.) - BP
✓ Palm Warbler	1	April 30	Diamond Lake - (Poweshiek Co.)
✓ " " "	1	May 13	Grammer Grove - BP
✓ Blackpoll Warbler	2	May 11	Grammer Grove - BP
✓ " " "	2	May 20	♂s - Smith Wildlife Area - (South of Algona) - (Kossuth Co.)
" " "	1	May 20	♂ - East Twin Lake - (Hancock Co.)
✓ Cerulean Warbler	4	May 24	(20± 2±s) - Ledges S.P. - BP
✓ Black-and-white Warbler	2	May 13	Grammer Grove - BP
✓ American Redstart	1	May 7	Otter Creek Marsh - (Tama Co.)
✓ Prothonotary Warbler	1	May 9	Dudgeon Lake - (Benton Co.) - BP
✓ " " "	1	May 23	Grammer Grove - BP
Ovenbird	1	May 7	Tama County woods
✓ Northern Waterthrush	1	May 5	Liscomb yard - (Marshall Co.) - BP
✓ " " "	1	May 13	Grammer Grove - BP
✓ Louisiana Waterthrush	2-3	May 24	Ledges S.P. - BP



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✓ Connecticut Warbler	1	May 24	Ledges S.P. - (Boone Co.) - BP
✓ Mourning Warbler	1	May 23	Grammer Grove Park - (Marshall Co.) - BP
✓ " "	3+	May 25	Grammer Grove - BP
✓ " "	2	May 27	Grammer Grove - BP
✓ Common Yellowthroat	2	May 4	Diamond Lake - (Poweshiek Co.)
✓ Wilson's Warbler	1	May 13	Grammer Grove - BP
✓ " "	2	May 25	Liscomb yard - (Marshall Co.) - BP
✓ " "	1	May 31	Liscomb yard - BP
✓ Canada Warbler	1	May 23	Grammer Grove - BP
✓ " "	2-3	May 25	Grammer Grove - BP
✓ Scarlet Tanager	1	May 10	Grammer Grove - BP
✓ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2	May 6	Grammer Grove - BP
✓ Indigo Bunting	2	May 9	Dudgeon Lake - (Benton Co.) - BP
✓ Dickcissel	1	May 9	Hardin County - BP
✓ Clay-colored Sparrow	3	May 9	Liscomb Cemetery - (Marshall Co.) - BP
✓ Lark Sparrow	1	May 16	Peterson Pits - (Story Co.) - JOK - m.ob.
✓ Grasshopper Sparrow	1	April 25	Southwest of Cacey-Keo, S.P. - (Van Buren Co.)
✓ Henslow's Sparrow	5+	April 25	Southwest of Cacey-Keosauqua S.P. - BP
✓ Le Conte's Sparrow	1	May 2	Big Marsh - (Butler Co.)
✓ Lincoln's Sparrow	2	May 6	Liscomb Cemetery - BP
✓ Swamp Sparrow	4	March 4	Big Marsh
✓ Harris' Sparrow	2	April 4	southern Buchanan Co. - BP
✓ Dark-eyed Junco	1	April 27	Timmons Grove Co. Park - (Marshall Co.)
✓ Bobolink	1	May 6	Grammer Grove - RS



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✓ Great-tailed Grackle	4+	April 16	Otter Creek Marsh - (Tama Co.)
✓ " " "	10+	April 18	Goose Lake - (Greene Co.) -BP
✓ " " "	3	May 6	Tomahawk Marsh - (Sac Co.) -BP
✓ " " "	1	May 20	Eagle Lake - (Hancock Co.)
✓ Orchard Oriole	1	May 24	Ledges S.P. - (Boone Co.) -BP
✓ Baltimore Oriole	2	May 6	Grammer Grove Park - (Marshall Co.) -BP
✓ Purple Finch	5	April 1	Liscomb yard - (Marshall Co.) -BP
✓ " " "	4	April 11	Douds feeder - (Van Buren Co.) -BP
✓ White-winged Crossbill	4	March 2	in Grinnell - (Poweshiek Co.)
✓ Pine Siskin	3	March 22	Liscomb yard -BP
✓ " " "	1	May 5	Liscomb yard -BP
✓ Neotropic Cormorant	1	May 4	otter Creek Marsh - (Tama Co.) - (documented)
✓ Black-bellied Whistling Duck	1	May 6	Tomahawk Marsh - (Sac Co.) -BP - (documented)
✓ Eurasian Collared Dove	1	March 5	Grinnell golf course - (Poweshiek Co.)
" " "	1	April 30	Grinnell golf course
" " "	2	May 4	Grinnell golf course
			(The much seen doves - larger than m. Doves, Black bar on nape of neck, a wide tail with white on the undersides of tail, been there - since August 1997 for sure.