

Season: SPRING Year: 1997Name and
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15362 250th Ave.SPIRIT LAKE, IOWA 51360Use first few lines to give weather and habitat conditions. Use line(s) below species data to give additional details, if needed. Mail to:
~~F. W. Kern, 211 Richards St., Iowa City IA 52240~~
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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
Common LOON	18	4-19	N. End of West Okoboji - ALL but 3 in alternate plumage
Pacific LOON	1	4-15 to 5-26	N. End of W. Okoboji - immature
Eared Grebe	1	5-28	Grovers Lake - Dickinson County
Red-necked Grebe	2	4-27	Haywards Bay - W. Okoboji ↳ Both in alternate plumage - Heard voice, large size long neck w/ red and large bill. TOOK photos.
Horned Grebe	1	5-29	SW of Diamond Lake - Dickinson County
Sandhill Crane	4	5-21	Flew over HOGSBACK - Dickinson county. First heard voice then spotted them overhead.
Ruddy Ducks	500+	3-29	Blackhawk Lake - SAC COUNTY
Cinnamon Teal	1	4-19	Dugout Creek - Dickinson County ↳ ♂ with some white on face - a white dot above each eye and a smudge of white next to the bill on each side of his face. Alternate plumage
Cooper's Hawk	1	5-10 5-13	Kettleston HOGSBACK - Dickinson County
Merlin	1	4-13	Dunbar Slough - eating starling ↳ Dark back, small size with banded tail
Red-tailed Hawk	19	3-27	Flew over my house (overlooks E. Okoboji on NE edge of Spirit Lake (The ^{Isle}) between 10:30-11:30 AM
KRIDERS Redtail	1	5-2	West of Spirit Lake
Red-shouldered HAWK	1	5-20	Kettleston Hogsback - Immature

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✓ Swainson's Hawk	1	5-16	Dugout Creek - Dickinson County
✓ Peregrine Falcon	1	5-14	N of Hales Slough - Dickinson County Adult - dark hood, slate back Did not see it fly. Defending kill from crows. I watched it for 10 min. Then <u>had</u> to leave!!!
✓ Virginia Rail	5	5-25	Much more common than sora - Played calls for Virginia Rail and sora at five different sloughs in Dickinson County. Had 5 V. rails (1 at each site) respond with no sora.
✓ Semipalmated Plover	15	5-6 and 5-19	Dugout Creek - Dickinson County
✓ Black bellied Plover	1	5-26	" " "
✓ Lesser Golden Plover	100+	5-10	Dugout and Dickinson County Very common this spring
✓ Hudsonian Godwit	14	5-16	Dugout Creek - Dickinson County
✓ Marbled ^{Hudsonian} Godwit	3	5-29	" " "
✓ Marbled Godwit	4	5-16	" " "
✓ Stilt Sandpiper	26	5-23	" " "
✓ Dunlin	80	5-26	" " "
✓ White-rumped Sandpiper	90+	5-27	" " "
✓ Wilson's Phalarope	12	5-8	Private Slough along Hi-way 9 south of Silver Lake - Dickinson County

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✓ Solitary Sandpiper	1	4-26	Dugout Creek - Dickinson County
✓ Common TERN	2	4-17	N. Bay West Okoboji - grey wing tips - heard voice
" "	12	5-26	NW corner of ^{Big} Spirit Lake ↳ grey wing tips; heard voice
✓ Eastern Phoebe	1	3-26	1 mile east of SPIRIT LAKE
✓ Western Kingbird	1	5-26	Kethleson Hogsback - Dickinson County
✓ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	5-24	Kethleson Hogsback - " "
✓ Solitary Vireo	1	4-23	In my yard - NE edge of SPIRIT LAKE
✓ Loggerhead Shrike	1	3-31	East of Diamond Lake - Dickinson County
" "	1	4-12	Jemerson Slough - Dickinson County
✓ Black-throated Green Warbler	10	5-24	Christopherson's Slough - Dickinson County
✓ Redstart	45	5-24	" " "
✓ Prothonotary Warbler	2	5-20	Kethleson Hogsback - Dickinson County
✓ Golden-winged Warbler	2	5-20	" " "
✓ N. Waterthrush	1	5-29	" " "
✓ Palm Warbler	1	5-21	" " "
✓ Blue-winged Warbler	1	5-22	In my yard - NE side of SPIRIT LAKE
✓ Cape May Warbler	1	5-10	Kethleson Hogsback - Dickinson County
✓ Blackpoll Warbler	2	5-31	Wildcat Den State Park - Muscatine County
✓ Chipping Sparrow	1	4-6	Marble Beach - West side of ^{Big} SPIRIT LAKE
✓ Lincoln's Sparrow	1	5-29	Dugout Creek - Dickinson County
✓ Great-tailed Grackle	2	4-16	♂ and ♀ at Hales Slough on East side of Big SPIRIT LAKE

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✓ Dark-eyed Junco	1	4-24	Last one seen — my yard
✓ Lapland Longspur	10007	3-22	East of SPIRIT Lake - Dickinson
✓ " "	10007	4-6	East of Lake PARK - Dickinson
✓ " "	5265	4-8	MOST were seen in Osceola and Lyon County - saw 23 flocks while driving to Sioux Falls from SPIRIT LAKE
✓ Chestnut-collared Longspur	1	4-12	at south curve of Grover's Lake (see photo and documentation)
✓ Snowbunting	1007	3-1	West of Spirit Lake
✓ * N. Mockingbird	1	5-29	Dugout Creek - Dickinson County
(Sorry - out of sequence)			