

Spring field reports--1997  
all Jim Dinsmore (JJD) unless otherwise indicated

- ✓ Horned Grebe-1 at Little Wall L., 27 March
- ✓ 1 at Big Creek L., 1 May
  
- ✓ Eared Grebe-1 at Engeldinger M., Polk Co., 13 May (Jane Schuster fide JJD)
- ✓ American Bittern-1 in Ames, 14 April (Judy Clem fide JJD)
- ✓ 1 near Luther, 14 April (Steve Fairbairn fide JJD)
- ✓ 1 at Harrier M., 23 April (JJD, Steve Fairbairn)
  
- ✓ Black-crowned Night-Heron-2 at Harrier Marsh on 20 April (Ron Sarno and Dick Schmitz fide JJD)
  
- ✓ Ross' Goose-6 near Jewell, 25 March (with SJD)
  
- Red-breasted Merganser-1 near Ames, 11 May (Kay Niyo fide JJD)
  
- ✓ Cooper's Hawk-nest in Pammel Woods, 16 April (Jane Schuster); female near Pammel Woods nest, 27 April, (JJD); adult on nest in Pammel Woods, 10 May;
- ✓ adult south of Dubuque, 24 April (JJD)
  
- ✓ Peregrine Falcon-1 at Harrier M., 4 May (adult, facial marks seen well)
  
- ✓ Gray Partridge-two at Teig's M., 27 March
  
- ~~Yellow Rail-1 at Bob Pyle M., Story Co., 7 May (Brent Danielson fide JJD) use~~
- ✓ Sora-1 at Harrier M., 4 May
  
- Sandhill Crane--two 2 miles w of Fort Dodge, 15 March, (Dray Walter and Jon Christensen fide JJD). I quizzed them on the birds. Field marks seen well.
- ✓ Three in NE Boone County, 24 April (Gary Hightshoe fide JJD). I saw video of the birds, no doubt about identification.
- ✓ One in Hamilton County south of Webster City, 28 April, heard and seen (Jim Zohrer fide JJD)(Jim is wetland specialist and former area wildlife biologist for Iowa DNR)

- ✓ Willet-1 at Harrier M., 4 May, again on 12 May
- ✓ Ruddy Turnstone-3 at Harrier M., 14 May (Jane Schuster fide JJD)
- ✓ Pectoral Sandpiper-2 east of Ames, 9 April;  
2 east of Ames (running in snow) 12 April
- ✓ Common Snipe-10 east of Ames, 9 April;  
19 east of Ames (in snow); 11 April  
17 east of Ames (in snow); 12 April
- ✓ Bonaparte's Gull-2 west of Ames, 8 April
- ✓ Black Tern-2 at Harrier M., 10 May
- ✓ Long-eared Owl-one found dead near Ledges S.P., 21 April, had been  
dead several days
- ✓ Western Kingbird-1 west of Boone, 10 May (Joyce and Jon Bahrenfus  
fide JJD)
- ✓ Yellow-throated Warbler-1 at Ledges SP on 20 April (Ron Sarno and  
Dick Schmitz fide JJD); one there on 27 April, Bill Norris;
- ✓ Western Tanager-1 male in Ames, 9 May (see documentation), still  
there on 13 May (fide Lucy Rimler)
- ✓ Spotted Towhee-1 near Ames, 25 March, still there 7 April, Jim Pease-  
this is bird that showed up at Christmas and remained at his house
- ✓ Yellow-headed Blackbird-1 at Harrier Marsh, 12 April
- ✓ Great-tailed Grackle-3 males at Harrier Marsh, 23 March (with SJD); 1  
male and 2 females at Harrier M., 17 April
- ✓ Purple Finch-1 female in Ames, 9 May