

Iowa Field Reports-Fall 1997

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- ✓ Common Loon-2 basic on 6 August at Spirit L. (+LAS)
- ✓ American White Pelican-700 on 9 August (+JS), 1,400 on 12 August (+MPr) at Runnells W.A.
- ✓ American Bittern-1 on 4 August at Forney L.
- ✓ Least Bittern-2 on 4 August at Forney L.
- ✓ Great Blue Heron-114 on 9 August at Runnells W.A. (+JS)
- Great Egret-233 on 5 August (+WRS), 303 on 13 August (+JJD, WRS) at Waubonsie W.A.; 89 on 12 August at Runnells W.A. (+MPr)
- Snowy Egret-1 immature on 4 August, 5 immatures on 5 August (+WRS), 17 (3 adults, 14 immatures) on 13 August (+JJD, WRS) at Waubonsie W.A.; 1 immature on 4 August at Forney L.; 1 immature on 9 August at Runnells W.A. (+JS) [all were small herons, bill long, slender, and dark, legs dark (but not black)[immatures] or black (adults) with yellow feet, lacked dusky wingtips]
- Little Blue Heron-20 (16 adult, 1 calico, 3 immatures) on 5 August (+WRS), 28 (17 adult, 4 calico, 7 immatures) on 13 August (+JJD, WRS) at Waubonsie W.A.
- ✓ Cattle Egret-79 on 5 August (+WRS), 83 on 13 August (+JJD, WRS) at Waubonsie W.A.
- ✓ Black-crowned Night-Heron-5 on 5 August (+WRS), 4 on 13 August (+WRS) at Waubonsie W.A.
- ✓ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron-1 immature on 4 August at Waubonsie W.A. (grayer than immature Black-crown, finer mottling on breast, stouter bill, longer legs)
- ✓ Roseate Spoonbill-\*1 immature on 4,5,13 August at Waubonsie W.A. (+WRS, JJD, photos)
- Snow Goose-1 on 4 August at Forney L.; 6 on 5 August at Riverton W.A.; 2 on 5 August in SW Woodbury Co.; 2 on 9 August at Runnells W.A. (+JS); 1 on 13 August at the Mid-American Energy ponds
- ✓ Green-winged Teal-1 on 13 August at Harrier M.
- ✓ Northern Pintail-1 on 11 August at Harrier M.
- ✓ Redhead-2 broods (about half-grown) on 6 August at Grover L. (+LAS)
- ✓ Ring-necked Duck-1 male on 10 August at Harrier M. (probably the same bird that summered)
- Lesser Scaup-1 male on 5 August at Forney L.; 1 male on 5 August at the Mid-American Energy ponds; 1 male on 9 August at Roberts Creek L. (+JS)
- Hooded Merganser-1 female on 13 August e of Glidden, Carroll Co.; 1 female on 14 August at Forney L.
- ✓ Ruddy Duck-6 on 5 August at New L.
- ✓ Bald Eagle-1 immature on 12 August at Runnells W.A. (+MPr)
- ✓ Northern Harrier-1 immature on 6 August at Harrier M.
- ✓ Common Moorhen-2 on 5 August at Blue L.
- ✓ American Coot-178 plus many broods on 6 August at Grover L. (+LAS)
- ✓ Black-bellied Plover-1 on 5 August at Riverton W.A.
- American Golden-Plover-1 on 5 August at Riverton W.A.; 1 on 6 August n of West Okoboji L. (+LAS)

- ✓ Semipalmated Plover-97 on 9 August at Runnells W.A. (+JS)
- ✓ Piping Plover-1 immature on 11 August at Saylorville Res.
- ✓ Killdeer-232 on 5 August at Riverton W.A.; 217 on 9 August at Runnells W.A. (+JS)
- ✓ Lesser Yellowlegs-192 on 12 August at Runnells W.A. (+MPr)
- ✓ Solitary Sandpiper-17 on 9 August at Runnells W.A. (+JS)
- ✓ Willet-2 on 12 August at Runnells W.A. (+MPr)
- ✓ Hudsonian Godwit-\*26 adults in basic plumage on 9 August at Saylorville Res. (photos)
- ✓ Ruddy Turnstone-2 in alternate plumage on 12 August at Runnells W.A. (+MPr)
- ✓ Sanderling-1 on 13 August at Waubonsie W.A. (+WRS)
- ✓ Semipalmated Sandpiper-70 on 5 August at Riverton W.A.; 276 on 12 August at Runnells W.A. (+MPr)
- ✓ Western Sandpiper-2 molting adults on 9 August (+JS), 1 molting adult on 12 August (+MPr) at Runnells W.A. (all identified by longer bill and rusty scapulars, bird on 12 August also by call note)
- ✓ Least Sandpiper-87 on 5 August at Riverton W.A.
- ✓ Pectoral Sandpiper-1,137 on 5 August at Riverton W.A.; 653 on 9 August at Runnells W.A. (+JS)
- ✓ Buff-breasted Sandpiper-7 on 5 August at Riverton W.A.
- ✓ Stilt Sandpiper-83 on 11 August at Saylorville Res.; 124 on 12 August at Runnells W.A. (+MPr)
- ✓ Long-billed Dowitcher-1 alternate adult on 9 August at Runnells W.A. (+JS)(identified by solid, reddish-brown underparts, heavy dark barring on flanks, dark tail with thin white barring-compared directly to several Short-bills)
- ✓ Common Snipe-1 on 5 August at Riverton W.A.; 1 on 12 August at Runnells W.A. (+MPr)
- ✓ Red-necked Phalarope-1 first-basic on 7 August at Saylorville Res.; 1 first-basic on 12 August at Runnells W.A. (+MPr)
- ✓ Franklin's Gull-700 on 6 August roosting on a building in Spirit Lake (+LAS); 5,200+ on 6 August at the Spirit Lake dump (+LAS)
- ✓ Bonaparte's Gull-1 basic adult on 6 August at Kettleton WPA (+LAS); 1 first-alternate on 12 August at Runnells W.A. (+MPr)
- ✓ Ring-billed Gull-a total of 560 on 6 August at several locations around Dickinson Co. (+LAS); 358 on 9 August at Runnells W.A. (+JS)
- ✓ Herring Gull-1 first-summer bird on 11 August at Saylorville Res.
- ✓ Forster's Tern-26 on 6 August at Spirit Lake (+LAS)
- ✓ Least Tern-1 adult feeding a juvenile on 13 August at the Mid-American Energy ponds
- ✓ Belted Kingfisher-18 on 4 August at Waubonsie W.A.
- ✓ Northern Mockingbird-1 on 5 August 4 mi w of Riverton
- ✓ Cerulean Warbler-1 on 10 August at Ledges S.P.
- ✓ Wilson's Warbler-1 male on 6 August at Mini-Wakan S.P. (seen well-noted yellow underparts, black cap, dark back and wings)
- ✓ Blue Grosbeak-1 male on 13 August s of Bartlett
- ✓ Lark Sparrow-3 on 9 August (+JS), 2 on 12 August at Runnells W.A.
- ✓ Great-tailed Grackle-2 on 4 August at Forney L.; 21 on 5 August at Waubonsie W.A.; 2 on 6 August e of Glidden, Carroll Co.

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