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Spring field reports-1998
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- ✓ Common Loon-1 at Hallett's Quarry, 17 May (with HZ, et al.)
- ✓ Horned Grebe-2 at Tomahawk M., 23 May
- ✓ Western Grebe-1 at Hendrickson M., 31 May (found by HZ)
- ✓ Least Bittern-2 at Camp Dodge, Johnston, 19, 26 May (Jane Schuster fide JJD)
 - ✓ 1 at Iowa Lake M., Kossuth Co., 19 May (Steve Fairbairn fide JJD)
 - ✓ 2 at Gladfelter M., Hancock Co., 21 May (Steve Fairbairn fide JJD)
- ✓ Cattle Egret-1 at Harrier M., 26 Apr
- ✓ 6 at Hawkeye W. A., 14 May, (Neil Bernstein fide JJD)
- ✓ Glossy Ibis-1 at Thorpe P., Winnebago Co., 26 May (Gian Dodici, see attached sheet with details)
- ✓ Snow Goose-10 (6 blue, 4 snow) at Hallett's Quarry, 25 May
- ✓ 4 at Harrier M., 29 May
- Bar-headed Goose-1 at Swan Lake, 22 Feb (Terry Hulsebus fide JJD)
- Egyptian Goose-1 at Ottumwa, 19 March (Steve Toon fide JJD)
- ✓ Turkey Vulture-nest with 2 eggs, near Promise City, Wayne Co., 13 May (Duane Bedford fide Daryl Howell)
- ✓ Bald Eagle-96 at Saylorville Res. on 21 March
20 moving north at Saylorville Res. on 26 March
- ✓ Cooper's Marsh-adult on nest in Ames, 8 May, 10 May, 22 May, nest still intact but adult not seen on 29 May
- ✓ Sharp-shinned Hawk-1 in Ames, 7 March
- ✓ Red-tailed Hawk-adults on 2 nests in Pottawattamie Co., 14 and 17 March

✓ Greater-Prairie Chicken-43 males on 8 leks in Adair, Decatur, and Ringgold counties (fide Iowa Dept Nat. Resources)

see DCM ✓ Yellow Rail-1 flushed west of Spirit Lake, 10 April (Maury Muhm via Doug Harr and fide JJD). Small rail, weak flight, white wing patches

✓ Sandhill Crane-2 near South Skunk River west of Colfax, 5 April

✓ Killdeer-31 flying over campus in snowstorm, 24 March

✓ Marbled Godwit-1 at Dunbar Sl., 23 May (cinnamon wing linings and lack of any broad white band on tail seen when bird flushed)

✓ Dunlin-20 s. of Auburn, 23 May

✓ Long-billed Dowitcher-3 at Colo ponds, 17 May (with HZ, P & R Allen, et al.), flushed, keek call heard

✓ Common Snipe-1 at Doolittle Prairie, Story County, 9 May

✓ American Woodcock-1 at St. Anthony, 2 March, Larry Stone

✓ Red-necked Phalarope-1 s of Auburn, 23 May

✓ Black Tern-1 at Hallett's Quarry, Ames, 8 May (first)

✓ 82 at Harrier M., 24 May (most)

Mourning Dove-5 in Ames, 9 March; 7 on 10 March (overwintered)

✓ Short-eared Owl-1 adult at Walnut Creek NWR, 14 May (Kathy Andersen and Liessa Thomas (fide JJD) (they also thought they saw two young birds but I have not been able to confirm i.d., will keep

✓ Checkiwil's-widow-1 heard well, calling in Cedar Rapids on 22 May (Neil Bernstein (fide JJD).

Tom-Neil sent me note about this one. Bird was calling in his yard which adjoins a golf course in Cedar Rapids. Neil is an ornithologists and is familiar with the call of this species as well as other goatsuckers. Just heard the one night.

✓ Pileated Woodpecker-2 at nest, Ledges S.P., 29 Apr
2 adults, feeding young in nest, 25 May