

Iowa Field Reports-Winter 1991

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American White Pelican-1 on 13,24 Dec at Red Rock Res.
Double-crested Cormorant-2 on 12 Dec at Montrose
Great Blue Heron-7 on 13 Dec, 3 on 24 Dec at Red Rock Res.
Mute Swan-1 on 12,24 Dec at Red Rock Res.-an escapee?
Snow Goose-1 on 6 Jan at Rock Valley (Marty Eby fide SJD)
Green-winged Teal-4 on 17 Dec at Lake Manawa; 2 on 17 Dec at Forney L.
Am. Black Duck-3 on 17 Dec at Forney L.; 3 on 24 Dec at Red Rock Res.; 8 on 25 Dec at Saylorville
Mallard-6000 on 25 Dec at Saylorville; 98 on 6 Jan at Rock Valley (Marty Eby fide SJD)
Northern Pintail-23 on 17 Dec at Forney L.; 1 on 24 Dec at Red Rock Res.
Am. Wigeon-9 on 17 Dec at Forney L.
Redhead-1 on 17 Dec at IPL Ponds
Greater Scaup-1 male through 25 Dec at Saylorville (identified by larger size, round head shape, larger bill, and white wing stripe extending into primaries)
Lesser Scaup-4 on 25 Dec at Saylorville
Oldsquaw-3 on 13 Dec at Red Rock Res.; 1 male on 15,23 Dec at Saylorville
White-winged Scoter-3 females or imm. on 13 Dec at Red Rock Res. (dark brown ducks, heavy bill, pale spots behind each eye, white patch on secondaries)
Common Goldeneye-313 on 17 Dec at IPL Ponds
Bufflehead-1 on 17 Dec at IPL Ponds
Hooded Merganser-1 on 24 Dec at Red Rock Res.
Common Merganser-3000 on 25 Dec at Saylorville
Red-breasted Merganser-1 female on 12 Dec at Red Rock Res.; 1 female on 25 Dec at Saylorville
Bald Eagle-122 (71 ad., 51 imm.) on 21 Dec at Riverton W.A. (+WRS) was impressive; 1 ad. on 6 Jan at Rock Valley (Marty Eby fide SJD)
Northern Harrier-3 on 23 Dec in Guthrie Co.
Red-tailed Hawk-1 of the "Harlan's" race on 23 Dec in Guthrie Co. (dark-colored buteo, size and shape of a Red-tailed Hawk, tail dark with numerous narrow white bars)
Peregrine Falcon-1 imm. on 23 Dec at Saylorville (no bands or wing tags visible, despite lots of very close looks-bird appeared to be molting into adult plumage with dark gray back and inner wings with contrasting browner primaries, underparts heavily streaked)
Common Snipe-1 on 23 Dec at Slater
Bonaparte's Gull-1 on 11 Dec at Keokuk; 1 on 12,13 Dec at Red Rock Res.
Ring-billed Gull-100 on 23 Dec at Saylorville; 1900 on 24 Dec at Red Rock Res.; 2200 on 25 Dec at Saylorville
Herring Gull-650 on 24 Dec at Red Rock Res.; 73 on 25 Dec at Saylorville
Glaucous Gull-1 1st-w on 11 Dec at Keokuk; 1 1st-w on 17 Dec at Lake Manawa; 1 1st-w on 25 Dec at Saylorville
Thayer's Gull-1 1st-w on 24 Dec at Red Rock Res. (size of nearby Herring Gulls-noted pale underside of flight feathers, even colored upper surface of primaries lacking a "window", all-dark bill, a more rounded head profile)
Black-legged Kittiwake-1 1st-w on 24 Dec at Red Rock Res. (probably same bird seen earlier on the Des Moines CBC)(slightly smaller than a Ring-billed Gull, bill short, slender, and black, legs black, black spot behind each eye, black collar across nape, and bold black "W" pattern on back of wings seen in flight)
Marbled Murrelet-*1 on 12 Dec at Red Rock Res.