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General Notes: We realized a very early spring, with May temperatures much above
normal and vegetative growth about 10 days earlier than usual. Precipitation was
normal to below normal. Warblers apparently overflew NW Iowa in attempts to catch up
with Spring (reported by many observers). Early nesting conditions excellent for most species

Species	No.	Date	Location--comments--other observers
Great Blue Heron	12-15 pr.	5/26/98	West Hottes Lake, Rookery Island, Dickinson Co.
Bald Eagle	1 pr.	Mar-Apr.	Attempted nest on Rock River, 6 mi. S of Rock Rapids Lyon Co., but abandoned attempt in late Apr.
Swainson's Hawk	1	5/26/98	Kettleson Hogsback WMA, Dickinson Co.; being chased by Cooper's Hawk (see below)
Broad-winged Hawk	54	4/25/98	Kettling over downtown Larchwood and landing in trees in 1my yard (Lyon Co.)
Cooper's Hawk	1 Ad. Male	5/26/98	At Kettleson Hogsback WMA, chasing Swainson's Hawk. Coopers have been nesting here for last 3 years.
Yellow Rail	1	4/10	At Santee Prairie Waterfowl Production Area, 4 mi. west of Spirit Lake, Dickinson Co. Sighted by DNR wildlife technician Maury Muhm, who properly described bird to me.
Blue Grosbeak	1	5/25/98	Near Melvin, Osceola County.
LeConte's Sparrow	1	5/16/98	Santee Prairie WPA, west of Spirit Lake, Dickinson Co.
Great-tailed Grackles	2	5/6/98	Grover's Lake, Kettleson Hogsback WMA, Dickinson Co.