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Season: Fall Year 1998 Name and Tom Johnson

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Ray Cammins, Centerville Mystic, IA. 52574

Bryan Johnson, Mystic

Dale Sullivan, Burlington

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
✓ Horned Grebe	2	11-21	Lake Rathban
✓ Great Blue Heron	300	8-15	Lake Red Rock
✓ Great Egret	1	11-22	Lake Red Rock (Bunnells)
			(larger heron with black legs and long yellow bill)
✓ Snow Goose	1000	11-29	Storm Lake
✓ Green Wing Teal	180	11-22	Lake Red Rock
✓ N. Pintail	20	11-22	Lake Red Rock
✓ C. Merganser	1	8-7-98	Lake Rathban
✓ Red-breasted Merg	16	11-16-98	Lake Rathban
✓ Sandhill (rare)	80	11-12	Lake Rathban
			(2nd hand report - over)
✓ Black-bellied Plover	3	11-19-98	Lake Rathban
✓ Lesser Yellowlegs	60	8-15	Lake Rathban
✓ Sandpiper	1	8-17	" "
✓ Pectoral sandpiper	200	8-15	Lake Red Rock
✓ Buff-breasted sandp.	1	8-15	Lake Rathban
✓ Franklin's gull	30,000	10-9	" "
✓ " "	60,000	10-11	" "
✓ " "	3	11-28	Aurelia, IA, (flyover)

Dark head, Dark back, darker wingtips. No take for 18 miles

Dale Sullivan of Bartington was  
hunting geese in a corn field  
near Walnut City (1 mile S. of L. Rathbun)

He saw approx 80 sandhillcranes  
fly over the field going south. He  
reported this to Park ranger  
at Rathbun headquarter's. I drove  
out at noon (2 hrs. later) and didn't  
see them. I called Dale at  
home. He said the birds were large,  
grey, much larger than a snow goose or  
Canada geese. They had long legs trailing  
behind and a long neck. He also made  
the call (a cackle, which in my  
opinion) confirmed the I.D. He has  
seen sandhills in Texas. He is a  
member of I.O.U. because hunting caused  
a greater interest. He has never  
reported to I.O.U.



