

Iowa Field Reports-Fall 1998

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- ✓ Horned Grebe-10 on 22 October at Saylorville Reservoir (+JS)
- ✓ Eared Grebe-1 on 25 October at Saylorville Reservoir
- ✓ American White Pelican-850 on 22 October at Saylorville Reservoir (+JS-I have never seen so many here this late in October); 3,700 on 23 October at Red Rock Reservoir
- ✓ American Bittern-1 on 18 August at Forney L. (+LP, BP)
- ✓ Great Blue Heron-590 on 15 August (+JS), 74 on 23 October in the upper reaches of Red Rock Reservoir in Marion, Polk, and Warren counties
- ✓ Great Egret-138 on 10 August (+LP, BP), 186 on 18 August (+LP, BP) at Forney L.; 43 on 11 August at Riverton W.A.; 1 on 23 October at Runnells W.A., Polk Co.
- ✓ Snowy Egret-32 on 10 August (+LP, BP), 42 on 18 August (+LP, BP) at Forney L.; 14 on 11 August at Riverton W.A.; 1 on 15 August at Runnells W.A., Marion Co. (+JS) [all were identified by bill shape and black legs contrasting with yellow feet]
- ✓ Little Blue Heron-15 (10 adult, 5 immature) on 10 August (+LP, BP), 20 (14 adult, 2 calico, 4 immature) on 18 August (+LP, BP) at Forney L.; 1 immature on 11 August at Riverton W.A.; 1 immature on 15 August at Runnells W.A., Marion Co. (+JS)
- ✓ Cattle Egret-172 on 10 August (+LP, BP), 132 on 18 August (+LP, BP) at Forney L.; 20 on 11 August n of Modale, Harrison Co.
- ✓ Black-crowned Night-Heron-23 on 10 August (+LP, BP), 21 on 18 August (+LP, BP) at Forney L.
- ✓ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron-9 juveniles on 11 August at Riverton W.A.; 1 juvenile on 14 August at Runnells W.A., Marion Co.; 1 juvenile on 18 August at Forney L.
- ✓ Greater White-fronted Goose-1 on 10,11 August at Forney L. (+LP, BP)
- ✓ Canada Goose-1,361 small forms on 23 October at Runnells W.A., Marion/Warren Co.'s (this is by far the largest group of small Canada Geese I have seen in Iowa in fall)
- ✓ Gadwall-346 on 25 October at Saylorville Reservoir
- ✓ American Black Duck-2 on 23 October at Runnells W.A., Warren Co.
- ✓ Blue-winged Teal-1,500 on 16 August at Union Slough NWR (+JJD)
- ✓ Green-winged Teal-3,000 on 23 October at Runnells W.A., Marion/Warren Co.'s
- ✓ Ring-necked Duck-1 male on 16 August at Union Hill W.A., Cerro Gordo Co. (+JJD); 3 males on 16 August at Grover L. (+JJD)
- ✓ Surf Scoter-1 female/immature on 25 October at Saylorville Reservoir (+BE-dark wings and orange legs and feet seen well)
- ✓ White-winged Scoter-1 immature male on 25 October at Saylorville Reservoir
- ✓ Black Scoter-4 females/immatures on 25 October at Saylorville Reservoir (+JJD-large, black ducks with black wings and a white throat and cheek-I think others may have seen these birds later in the day)
- ✓ Ruddy Duck-539 on 22 October at Saylorville Reservoir (+JJD, JS)
- ✓ Osprey-1 on 14 August at Red Rock Reservoir
- ✓ Bald Eagle-1 adult on 11,18 August at Forney L.; 1 adult and a begging juvenile on 15 August at Runnells W.A., Polk Co. (+JS-they had probably nested nearby)
- ✓ Cooper's Hawk-1 immature on 15 August at Red Rock Reservoir (+JS); 1 immature on 17 August at Meinking M. (+JJD)
- ✓ Common Moorhen-1 adult on 10 August (+LP, BP), 2 adults with 7 young on 11 August at Forney L.
- ✓ American Coot-5,000 on 21 October at Saylorville Reservoir
- ✓ Black-bellied Plover-42 on 23 October at Runnells W.A., Marion/Warren Co.'s
- ✓ American Golden Plover-5 on 15 August at Runnells W.A., Marion Co. (+JS)
- ✓ Semipalmated Plover-16 on 15 August at Runnells W.A., Marion Co. (+JS)
- ✓ Killdeer-148 on 11 August at Riverton W.A.
- ✓ Willet-1 on 11 August at Secret Pond, Fremont Co.; 1 on 15 August at Runnells W.A., Marion Co. (+JS)
- ✓ Upland Sandpiper-1 on 18 August at Saylorville Reservoir
- ✓ Sanderling-1 on 11 August at Secret Pond, Fremont Co.

- ✓ Semipalmated Sandpiper-7 on 23 October at Runnells W.A., Marion/Warren Co.'s; 11 on 23 October at Runnells W.A., Polk Co.
- ✓ Western Sandpiper-2 molting adults on 18 August at Saylorville Reservoir; 1 juvenile on 23 October at Runnells W.A., Marion/Warren Co.'s [all were identified by the long, tapering, slightly drooped bill (shaped like the bill of a Dunlin), bright rufous color in the scapulars, and by the black chevrons on the flanks of the molting adults]
- ✓ Least Sandpiper-154 on 23 October at Runnells W.A., Marion/Warren/Polk Co.'s
- ✓ Baird's Sandpiper-1 on 23 October at Red Rock Reservoir
- ✓ Pectoral Sandpiper-459 on 11 August at Riverton W.A.
- ✓ Dunlin-37 on 23 October at Runnells W.A., Marion/Warren Co.'s
- ✓ Stilt Sandpiper-48 on 11 August at Secret Pond, Fremont Co.; 7 on 23 October at Runnells W.A., Polk Co.; 2 on 23 October at Runnells W.A., Warren Co.
- ✓ Buff-breasted Sandpiper-1 on 11 August at Riverton W.A.; 121 in one loose flock on 15 August at Red Rock Reservoir (+JS); 23 on 15 August at Runnells W.A., Marion Co. (+JS); 1 on 18 August at Saylorville Reservoir
- ✓ Ruff-*1 juvenile male on 23 October at Runnells W.A., Marion and Warren Co.'s
- ✓ Long-billed Dowitcher-1 alternate adult on 11 August at Riverton W.A. (flushed to hear sharp "keek" call note); 1 alternate adult on 11 August at Secret Pond, Fremont Co. (sharp "keek" call note heard, also noted solid reddish underparts, mostly black tail with narrow white barring, and extensive spotting on throat and upper breast); 124 on 23 October at Runnells W.A., Marion/Warren Co.'s (mostly juveniles, none of which were bright enough to be a Short-bill; sharp "keek" call note heard for some birds)
- ✓ Common Snipe-3 on 16 August at Crystal Hills W.A., Hancock Co. (+JJD)
- ✓ Franklin's Gull-2,300 on 17 August at Kettleon WPA (+JJD); 6,500 on 22 October at Saylorville Reservoir; 9,000 on 23 October at Red Rock Reservoir
- ✓ Bonaparte's Gull-1 juvenile molting to first-basic on 16 August at Kettleon WPA (+JJD); 464 on 23 October at Red Rock Reservoir
- ✓ Ring-billed Gull-876 on 14 August, 3,500 on 23 October at Red Rock Reservoir
- ✓ Sabine's Gull-*1 juvenile on 25 October at Saylorville Reservoir (+BE)
- ✓ Forster's Tern-93 on 15 August at Red Rock Reservoir (+JS)
- ✓ Least Tern-1 adult on 15 August at Red Rock Reservoir (+JS)
- ✓ Black Tern-84 on 17 August at Kettleon WPA (+JJD)
- ✓ Whip-poor-will-3 calling on 10 August n of Waubonsie S.P. (+LP, BP)
- ✓ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher-1 on 16 August at Tuttle L. (+JJD); 1 on 16 August at Hales Sl.; 1 on 17 August at Sunken Grove L. (+JJD); 1 on 18 August at Lakin Sl.; 1 on 18 August at Littlefield P., Audubon Co. [many were calling, but I also noted the solid yellow underparts and large-headed, short-tailed appearance on all birds]
- ✓ Bell's Vireo-2 on 11 August at Riverton W.A.
- ✓ Purple Martin-900 on 16 August were roosting at the north end of Spirit L. (+JJD)
- ✓ Tree Swallow-84 on 23 October at Runnells W.A., Marion/Warren Co.'s
- ✓ Bank Swallow-400 on 15 August at Runnells W.A., Marion Co. (+JS)
- ✓ Barn Swallow-1 on 23 October at Runnells W.A., Marion Co.
- ✓ Winter Wren-1 on 22 October at Big Creek S.P. (+JS, BP, LP, AB)
- ✓ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher-1 on 17 August at Silver L., Palo Alto Co. (+JJD); 1 on 17 August at Sunken Grove L. (+JJD); 1 on 17 August at South Twin L., Calhoun Co. (+JJD) [all were migrants]
- ✓ Eastern Bluebird-75 on 22 October at Saylorville Reservoir (+JJD, JS)
- ✓ American Pipit-41 on 22 October at Saylorville Reservoir (+JJD, JS); 113 on 23 October at Runnells W.A., Marion/Warren Co.'s
- ✓ Golden-winged Warbler-2 on 17 August at Trumbull L. (+JJD); 2 on 17 August at Sunken Grove L. (+JJD)
- ✓ Orange-crowned Warbler-1 on 23 October at Runnells W.A., Marion Co.
- ✓ Northern Parula-2 on 17 August at Sunken Grove L. (+JJD); 1 on 17 August at South Twin L., Calhoun Co. (+JJD)
- ✓ Chestnut-sided Warbler-10 on 17 August at Sunken Grove L. (+JJD); 11 on 17 August at South Twin L., Calhoun Co. (+JJD)
- ✓ Cape May Warbler-1 immature female on 16 August at Tuttle L. (+JJD)
- ✓ Blackburnian Warbler-5 on 17 August at South Twin L., Calhoun Co. (+JJD)

Bay-breasted Warbler-5 on 17 August at Sunken Grove L. (+JJD); 5 on 17 August at South Twin L.,
Calhoun Co. (+JJD)

Black-and-white Warbler-24 on 17 August at Sunken Grove L. (+JJD)

Ovenbird-6 on 17 August at Sunken Grove L. (+JJD)

Mourning Warbler-1 on 17 August at Mini-Wagon S.P. (+JJD); 1 on 17 August at South Twin L., Calhoun
Co. (+JJD)

Canada Warbler-3 on 17 August at Sunken Grove L. (+JJD); 2 on 18 August at Littlefield P., Audubon Co.

✓ Le Conte's Sparrow-2 on 22 October at Saylorville Reservoir (+JJD, JS)

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