

CONTRIBUTOR: Robert Gruenewald

SEASON: Fall

YEAR: 1998

OTHER OBSERVERS: Scott Cristman,
Earl Storm, Rick Davis,
Ralph Dason

WEATHER/HABITAT: describe any unusual features at bottom of page

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
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Tom:-

Enclosed is a list of species seen during this period. There was nothing out standing or unusual. The weather was above normal.

above normal species

Great Blue Heron

Canada Goose

Mallard

questionable

Buff-breasted Sandpiper

I do not know its status in Iowa. It was a first for me. I saw it in good light at about 15 feet far about 4 minutes.

I notice that the 7th Edition of the A.O.U. checklist has changed the Common Teal back to Green-winged
The Common Pheasant back to Ring-billed
The Sand Martin back to Bank Swallow

Is this right?

Sincerely, Bob

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION

To: Robert Gruenewald

From: Tom Kent, Field Reports Editor, Iowa Bird Life, 211 Richards St., Iowa City, IA 52246

Sometimes I am on the fence as to whether to include a bird sighting in the report or not, usually because I don't have enough information or the sighting is so unusual that I would like to check on it. I have a choice of making a decision or seeking more information. This form is an attempt to do the latter.

I would appreciate it if you would return this form in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope as soon as possible so that I can make alterations in the report before it is published. Thanks.

Record: _____

Significance: _____

Information requested:

- confirm date
- how well seen (viewing time, distance, view, other details)
- description of bird (as much as you can honestly remember)
- voice (heard?, what was heard?)
- can other observers also provide details?

other

I can't use any of the data from your list without date, location, + number seen. I don't need latin names.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper is more common in Western Iowa than Eastern Iowa. Do you have Birds in Iowa which would give you all the information on states in Iowa?

Green-winged Teal, King-necked Plover, + Bank Swallow are all listed as such in AOU Checklist 1957 (5th ed) and 1983 (6th ed). Common Teal and Green-winged Teal were listed as separate species in 1957 but lumped in 1983.

I have highlighted the species on your list for which records might be useful if you provide details.

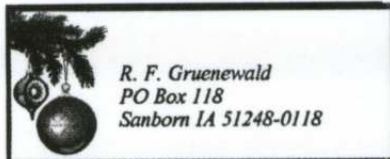
It is best if you could just send a list of your most interesting sightings with date, place, number and comments.

Tom Kent

Chimney Swift
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird
 Belted Kingfisher
 Red-headed Woodpecker
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
 Downy Woodpecker
 Hairy Woodpecker
 Northern Flicker
 Olive-sided Flycatcher
 Western Kingbird ✓
 Eastern Kingbird
 Purple Martin
 Tree Swallow
 Sand Martin - *Bank Swallow*
 Cliff Swallow
 Barn Swallow
 Blue Jay
 American Crow
 Black-capped Chickadee
 White-breasted Nuthatch
 Brown Creeper
 House Wren
 Winter Wren ✓
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
 American Robin
 Brown Thrasher
 Common Starling
 Nashville Warbler
 Yellow Warbler
 Yellow-rumped Warbler
 Prothonotary Warbler ✓ *not common in NW IA*
 Dickcissel
 American Tree Sparrow
 Chipping Sparrow
 Savannah Sparrow
 Song Sparrow
 Lincoln's Sparrow
 White-throated Sparrow
 Harris's Sparrow
 Dark-eyed Junco
 Snow Bunting ✓
 Red-winged Blackbird
 Common Grackle
 Brown-headed Cowbird
 Baltimore Oriole
 House Finch
 American Goldfinch
 House Sparrow

Chaetura pelagica
 Archilochus colubris
 Ceryle alcyon
 Melanerpes erythrocephalus
 Sphyrapicus varius
 Picoides pubescens
 Picoides villosus
 Colaptes auratus
 Contopus cooperi
 Tyrannus verticalis
 Tyrannus tyrannus
 Progne subis
 Tachycineta bicolor
 Riparia riparia
 Hirundo pyrrhonota
 Hirundo rustica
 Cyanocitta cristata
 Corvus brachyrhynchos
 Parus atricapillus
 Sitta carolinensis
 Certhia americana
 Troglodytes aedon
 Troglodytes troglodytes
 Regulus calendula
 Turdus migratorius
 Toxostoma rufum
 Sturnus vulgaris
 Vermivora ruficapilla
 Dendroica petechia
 Dendroica coronata
 Protonotaria citrea
 Spiza americana
 Spizella arborea
 Spizella passerina
 Passerculus sandwichensis
 Melospiza melodia
 Melospiza lincolni
 Zonotrichia albicollis
 Zonotrichia querula
 Junco hyemalis
 Plectrophenax nivalis
 Agelaius phoeniceus
 Quiscalus quiscula
 Molothrus ater
 Icterus galbula
 Carpodacus mexicanus
 Carduelis tristis
 Passer domesticus

SIGHTINGS



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Data of: Robert Gruenewald

Limitations: One Sighting per Species; from 8-1-98 to 12-1-98

Date: 11-30-98

Pied-billed Grebe

Horned Grebe

Red-necked Grebe ✓ + description

Eared Grebe ✓

American White Pelican

Double-crested Cormorant

Great Blue Heron

Cattle Egret ✓

Mute Swan - feral

Grey lag Goose - feral

Snow Goose

Canada Goose

Wood Duck

G.W. ~~Common~~ Teal

American Black Duck

Mallard

Blue-winged Teal

American Wigeon

Redhead

Ring-necked Duck

Lesser Scaup

Common Goldeneye

Bufflehead

Ruddy Duck

Turkey Vulture

Cooper's Hawk

Northern Goshawk ✓ details of 10

Broad-winged Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

American Kestrel

Merlin ✓

Gray Partridge ✓

R.N. ~~Common~~ Pheasant

American Coot

Killdeer

Spotted Sandpiper

F Buff-breasted Sandpiper ✓ - ?

Franklin's Gull

Bonaparte's Gull

Ring-billed Gull

Black Tern

Rock Dove

Mourning Dove

Eastern Screech-Owl

Barred Owl

Common Nighthawk

Whip-poor-will ✓ not much data
from NW IA

Podilymbus podiceps

Podiceps auritus

Podiceps grisegena

Podiceps nigricollis

Pelecanus erythrorhynchos

Phalacrocorax auritus

Ardea herodias

Bubulcus ibis

Cygnus olor

Anser anser

Anser caerulescens

Branta canadensis

Aix sponsa

Anas crecca

Anas rubripes

Anas platyrhynchos

Anas discors

Anas americana

Aythya americana

Aythya collaris

Aythya affinis

Bucephala clangula

Bucephala albeola

Oxyura jamaicensis

Cathartes aura

Accipiter cooperii

Accipiter gentilis

Buteo platypterus

Buteo jamaicensis

Falco sparverius

Falco columbarius

Perdix perdix

Phasianus colchicus

Fulica americana

Charadrius vociferus

Tringa macularia

Tryngites subruficollis

Larus pipixcan

Larus philadelphia

Larus delawarensis

Chlidonias niger

Columba livia

Zenaida macroura

Otus asio

Strix varia

Chordeiles minor

Caprimulgus vociferus