

FIELD REPORT -- IOWA, SPRING 1999

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All records are from Johnson County unless otherwise noted. Distinctions of location regarding Iowa City and surrounding townships are according to the official Johnson County map.

Species	No.	Date	Location	Remark
✓ Common Loon, <i>breed.</i>	1	6 Apr.	East Lucas Twp.	First
✓ Common Loon, <i>juv.</i>	1	29 May	East Lucas Twp.	Post-migrations
✓ Pied-billed Grebe	2	19 Mar.	East Lucas Twp.	First
✓ Horned Grebe, <i>breed.</i>	1	4-6 Apr.	East Lucas Twp.	First
Horned Grebe	2-3	10-20 Apr.	East Lucas Twp.	
✓ Red-necked Grebe (Rusty neck; solid white cheek and black cap sharply contrasted; sharp bill longer than Horned or Eared).	1	18 Apr.	Lily Lake, Iowa Co.	
✓ Double-crested Corm., <i>imm.</i>	1	3-19 Mar.	East Lucas Twp.	First since 23 Feb.
✓ White-faced Ibis (The characteristic white facial band continued <i>around behind eye</i>).	1	18 Apr.	Lily Lake, Iowa Co.	
✓ Turkey Vulture	1	20 Mar.	Cone Marsh, Louisa Co.	First
✓ Turkey Vulture	3	20 Mar.	Penn Twp.	First
✓ Tundra Swan	7	13 Mar.	Cone Marsh, Louisa Co.	
✓ Great. White-front. Goose	53	12 Mar.	East Lucas Twp.	High count
✓ Great. White-front. Goose (Generally brown goose, orange legs, pink-orange bill with light band at base, black spots [not really streaks] on belly).	1	8,9 May	East Lucas Twp.	Post-migrations
✓ Snow Goose	5	8,9 May	East Lucas Twp.	Post-migrations
✓ American Wigeon	1	23 May	Babcock Access Rd., Hawk. WR	Post-migrations
✓ Greater Scaup (Rounded head profile; four males, clearly larger than adjacent Lessers, flanks whiter at close range; larger nail spot discernible on one male; another male stretched wings revealing white wing stripe extending into primaries; one female had light ear patch, two others had correct head shapes; all were swimming without diving; all seven generally behaved as a separate group among Lesser Scaup and other species; very close range with scope).	7	22 Mar.	East Lucas Twp.	
✓ Greater Scaup (Rounded head profile; two males, clearly larger than adjacent Lessers; larger nail spot occasionally seemed discernible, though not conclusive at this range; one female with correct head shape and faint ear patch on one side; clearly larger than adjacent female Lesser; the three were swimming and only very occasionally diving; all three behaved as a separate group among Lesser Scaup and other species; medium range with scope).	3	16 Apr.	East Lucas Twp.	

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✓ Oldsquaw, <i>fem.</i>	1	5-14 Mar.	Iowa River, Iowa City	Cont'd from 12 Jan.
✓ Oldsquaw, <i>male, fem.</i>	2	4-23 Apr.	East Lucas Twp.	
✓ Osprey	1	10 Apr.	East Lucas Twp.	First
✓ Osprey	1	20 Apr.	Napoleon Park, Iowa City	
✓ Northern Harrier	1	29 May	Near Homestead, Iowa Co.	Post-migrations
✓ Broad-winged Hawk	1	23 May	Lake MacBride	Post-migrations
✓ Merlin, <i>juv. Prairie</i>	1	13 Mar.	Pleasant Valley Twp.	
			(Perched; accipiter- or kestrel-sized, not a buteo; breast heavily streaked, reddish-brown, vertically; crown, mantle, and wings plain light brown; thin, dark-to-black eyestripe and light eyebrow; cheek and neck light like the eyestripe; no Peregrine-type moustache; slightest light-colored separation between crown and mantle in back; wings very long and pointed, seemingly tail-length; when bird finally flew, brief glimpse of a [not finely] barred tail; fairly close range with scope; open country).	
✓ Sora	1	24 Apr.	SE Iowa City	First
✓ Sandhill Crane	3	14-16 Apr.	SE Iowa City	
Sandhill Crane	1	19 Apr.	SE Iowa City	From 14 Apr. above
✓ American Gold. Plover	1	6 Apr.	East Lucas Twp.	First
			(Winter plumage with dark crown and white eyebrow strongly contrasted; dark rump occasionally discernible, though bird not seen in flight).	
✓ Spotted Sandpiper	2	25 Apr.	East Lucas Twp.	First
✓ Upland Sandpiper	1	31 May	Near Homestead, Iowa Co.	
✓ Pectoral Sandpiper	1	20 Mar.	Cone Marsh, Louisa Co.	First
✓ Short-billed Dowitcher	1	8 May	East Lucas Twp.	First
			(Flushed at water's edge; long stout Snipe-like bill, rust-buff underparts; bold white pointed patch from rump into back; stubbornly circled close for several minutes, occasionally re-landing; alarm note mostly in pairs, sometimes singles or threes: <i>tu-tu</i> and not single <i>keek</i> or series thereof).	
✓ Common Snipe	2	13 Mar.	Cone Marsh, Louisa Co.	First since 23 Feb.
✓ Common Snipe	25	10 Apr.	East Lucas Twp.	High count
✓ Bonaparte's Gull	5	6 Apr.	East Lucas Twp.	First
✓ Black-billed Cuckoo	2	20 May	Red Bird Farms Natural Area	First
✓ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	2	20 May	Red Bird Farms Natural Area	First
✓ Pileated Woodpecker	1	8 May	East Lucas Twp.	
✓ Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	23 May	Lake MacBride	
<i>Empidonax</i> species	1	4 May	East Lucas Twp.	First

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✓ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher ("Plaintive, rising <i>per-wee</i> " call per N.G.S. fieldguide; matched " <i>chu-wee</i> " of Cornell Lab tapes).	1	18 May	Red Bird Farms Natural Area	
✓ Acadian Flycatcher (Continuous <i>PEE-tsup!</i> song, like a squeak toy; relatively long primary extension).	1	26 May	Croton Unit, Shimek SF, Lee Co.	
✓ Alder Flycatcher (Burry <i>fee-BEE</i> song; thin eye-ring; white throat).	1	24 May	Hickory Hill Park, Iowa City	
✓ Willow Flycatcher (<i>FITZ-bew</i> and <i>breet!</i> song; no eye-ring discernible).	1	20 May	Red Bird Farms Natural Area	
✓ Willow Flycatcher (<i>FITZ-bew</i> song; no eye-ring discernible).	1	24 May	SE Iowa City	
✓ White-eyed Vireo	2	19 May	Red Bird Farms Natural Area	
✓ [Warbling Vireo] * <i>Song only</i> , never sighted; continuous.	1*	1 May	SE Iowa City	First
✓ Tree Swallow	1	20 Mar.	Cone Marsh, Louisa Co.	First
✓ Tree Swallow	1	20 Mar.	East Lucas Twp.	First
✓ Barn Swallow	3	11 Apr.	East Lucas Twp.	First
✓ Bewick's Wren	1	26 May	Croton Unit, Shimek SF, Lee Co.	
✓ Sedge Wren	1	24 May	SE Iowa City	First
✓ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	10 Apr.	Hickory Hill Park, Iowa City	First
✓ Hermit Thrush	1	2 Apr.	Hickory Hill Park, Iowa City	First
✓ Hermit Thrush	1	1 May	SE Iowa City	Last
✓ Northern Mockingbird	1	8 May	Pleasant Valley Twp.	
✓ Brown Thrasher	1	11 Apr.	East Lucas Twp.	First
✓ American Pipit	5	3 Apr.	East Lucas Twp.	First
American Pipit	2	4 Apr.	East Lucas Twp.	
✓ Veery	1	20 May	Red Bird Farms Natural Area	
✓ Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	22 May	MacBride Nature Rec. Area	Last
✓ Yellow-rumped Warbler	3	10 Apr.	Hickory Hill Park, Iowa City	First
✓ Yellow-rumped Warbler	26	22 Apr.	Ryerson's Woods, W. Lucas Twp.	High count
✓ Black-throat. Green Warb. (See separate documentation).	1	1 Apr. [sic]	Red Bird Farms Natural Area	First
✓ Yellow-throated Warbler	1	17 May	Lake MacBride	
✓ Palm Warbler	1	29 Apr.	Hawkeye Wildlife Refuge	First

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✓ Cerulean Warbler	2	22 May	MacBride Nature Rec. Area	
✓ Cerulean Warbler	1	26 May	Geode SP, Henry Co.	
✓ Louisiana Waterthrush (Characteristic song; white, not buff, eyebrow stripe).	1	26 May	Croton Unit, Shimek SF, Lee Co.	
✓ Kentucky Warbler	1	19 May	Frytown Conservation Area	
✓ Kentucky Warbler	1	26 May	Croton Unit, Shimek SF, Lee Co.	
✓ American Tree Sparrow	1	16 Apr.	SE Iowa City	Last
✓ Vesper Sparrow	1	2 Apr.	Hickory Hill Park, Iowa City	First
✓ White-throated Sparrow	1	19 Apr.	SE Iowa City	First
✓ Eastern Meadowlark (Characteristic Eastern's song).	1	13 Mar.	Cone Marsh, Louisa Co.	First
✓ Western Meadowlark (Of a flock of nine meadowlarks which lit just out of sight behind a rise, at least two were singing the Western's more complex song).	2	13 Mar.	Pleasant Valley Twp.	First
✓ Rusty Blackbird	2	7 Mar.	Feeder, SE Iowa City	First
✓ Rusty Blackbird (<i>Euphagus</i> blackbird, yellow eye; uniformly chocolate brown; perched in bare tree singing softly for extended period, song patterned and not attributable conclusively to either Rusty or Brewer's; unplanted row crop and wet willow-thicket habitat).	1	19 Apr.	SE Iowa City	Last
✓ Great-tailed Grackle	2	29 May	Otter Creek Marsh, Tama Co.	
✓ Eurasian Tree Sparrow	1	3 Apr.	East Lucas Twp.	
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	1	10 Apr.	East Lucas Twp.	

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