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Enclosed are field reports material and three documentations for spring 1999. Actually got out more than I usually do.

Although my knowledge is only second-hand, I think something should probably go in the field reports about the Sharp-tailed Grouse lek that was found in loess hills. I can check to see if we can get a county location as well. Maybe something along the line:

✓ Sharp-tailed Grouse: Several males were found at a display ground in the loess hills in April. Presumably these are derived from the 151 birds that were released in Monona County (not sure that all were released there but the first group was) in 1995-96.

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- ✓ Common Loon-1 (basic plumage) still at Hallett's Quarry, Ames, 30 May
- ✓ Pacific Loon-1 at Hallett's Quarry, 8, 10 May, 12 May, 15 May, 17 May, (documentation) not there on 19 May
- Common Loon-1 still at Hallett's Quarry, 28 May
- ✓ Horned Grebe-1 at Harrier Marsh, 14 April
- ✓ Eared Grebe-1 at Harrier Marsh, 23 May
- ✓ American Bittern-1 seen, another heard at Harrier Marsh, 26 April
- ✓ 1 at Sedan Bottoms, Appanoose Co., 1 May
- ✓ 1 at Harrier Marsh, 5 May
- ✓ 3 flying together over Spring Run W.A., 13 May (never seen 3 together before)
- ✓ 1 over Jemmerson Sl., 13 May
- ✓ 1 over Deweys Pasture-14 May
- ✓ Least Bittern
- 1 at Snake Creek Marsh, 29 May
- ✓ Great Egret-16 at Jemmerson Sl., north side, 11 April
- ✓ Snowy Egret-1 at Hallett's Quarry, 7 May (dark legs and bill, yellow feet seen)
- 1 at Peterson Pits, Story Co., 8 May (dark legs, yellow feet seen well)
- ✓ Cattle Egret-4 at Harrier M., 23 May
- ✓ White-faced Ibis-1 at Colo Ponds, 5 May (dark brown body, iridescent green wings, decurved bill, reddish colored legs, broad band of white around base of bill all seen clearly)
- ✓ Greater White-fronted Goose-50 at Snake Creek Marsh, 5 March

- ✓ Ross's Goose-3 at Snake Creek M., 5 March
- ✓ American Black Duck-1 at Anderson Lake, 24 March
- ✓ Blue-winged Teal-500 at Harrier Marsh, 11 April
- ✓ Northern Shoveler-300 at Forney Lake, 9 April
- ✓ Northern Pintail-300 at Snake Creek Marsh, 5 March
 - 1 pair at Maynard Reece W.A., 12 May
 - ✓ 1 pair in NW Palo Alto Co., 14 May
- ✓ Green-winged Teal-1 pair at Spring Run W.A., 13 May
- ✓ Cooper's Hawk-bird building nest, near Story City, 4 April (Bill Clark fide JJD), still on nest in May
 - ✓ 1 in NW Palo Alto Co., 11 April
 - ✓ 1 in Boone County, 30 May
- ✓ Gray Partridge-1 near Polk City, 18 Apr
 - ✓ 2 near Coopers Marsh, Story County, 30 May
- ✓ Sandhill Crane-1 imm at Little Wall Lake (with Canada Geese), 1 March-Kevin Healy; again on 3 March-Steve Cordts fide JJD
 - ✓ 3 at Gladfelter Marsh, 30 March, Steve Cordts fide JJD
 - ✓ 2 near Ingham L., Emmet Co., 14 April (Gary Phillips fide JJD)
- ✓ Whooping Crane-6 near De Soto NWR, 9 April (documentation)
- ✓ American Golden-Plover-2 at Harrier Marsh, 3 April
 - ✓ 40 at Snake Creek Marsh, 3 April
 - ✓ 1 at Harrier M., 15 April
- ✓ Black-necked Stilt-2 at Harrier Marsh, 4 May (not seen evening of 6 May)(documentation)
- ✓ Short-billed Dowitcher-3 in NW Palo Alto Co., 14 May
 - ✓ 4 at Errington M., 16 May
- ✓ Long-billed Dowitcher-1 at Harrier Marsh, 14 April

- ✓ Red-necked Phalarope-1 female at Errington Marsh, 25 May
 - ✓ Herring Gull-1 1-year-old bird, Meinking W.A., Dickinson Co., 13 May
 - ✓ Burrowing Owl-1 near Alta, Buena Vista Co., 14 April (Richard Lampe fide JJD)
 - ✓ Short-eared Owl-2 at Harrier Marsh, 23 March
 - ✓ Carolina Wren-1 at Sharon Bluff S.P., 1 May
 - ✓ Northern Mockingbird-1 at Kettleston M., Story Co., 19 April
 - ✓ 1 at Woodman Hollow State Pre., Webster Co., 30 April (Daryl Howell fide JJD)
 - ✓ Cape May Warbler-1 in Ames, 6 May (Steve Maloy fide JJD)
 - ✓ Hooded Warbler-1 along Skunk R. near Story City, 8 May (John Mayfield fide JJD)
- White-throated Sparrow-one heard near my house, first week of April, obviously one that had overwintered (I saw it intermittently over winter)
- 1 at Boone Forks W.A., Hamilton Co., 22 May (late?)
- ✓ Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon form)-1 male in Ames, 7 March, 11 March, 20 March
 - ✓ Dickcissel-several in Boone Co., 22 May (first I have seen, late arrival)
 - ✓ Bobolink-1 at Harrier Marsh, 24 April (Karl Jungbluth fide JJD), seen and heard
 - ✓ Yellow-headed Blackbird-1 at Harrier Marsh, 11 April (first)
 - ✓ Great-tailed Grackle-5 males and 8 females, Harrier Marsh, 11 April
 - ✓ 4 females and 3 males at Harrier M., 10 May
 - ✓ Orchard Oriole-1 one-year old male near Colyn W.A., Lucas Co., 2 May one female at McFarland Park, 5 May