

Nov 30, 1989

Dear Carl,

I just sent in my first field report. I had fun birding with this in mind. But I forgot something on the report: My address. Chalk it up to inexperience, or whatever. Also there really isn't a specific line for it on the form I received. Anyway, my address is as follows:

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From now on, I will remember to include it. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Sincerely
Sue Spicker

CONTRIBUTOR: Sue J. Spieker

OTHER OBSERVERS: _____

SEASON: Fall 1989Linda PackardYEAR: 1989Cumming, Iowa

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

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
Temperatures seemed to be either above or below normal, while rainfall ended up being 1 in. below normal.			
Horned Grebe	12	4 Nov	Lake Colchester, nw Warren Co. counted
Canada Goose	550	6 Oct	Lake Colchester, nw Warren Co.
Oldsquaw	1	18 Nov	Bigcreek State Park, Polk Co. m.ob.
Hooded Merganser	147	5 Nov	Saylorville Res., Polk Co. 63 Below Dam--84 at marina Counted
Bald Eagle	1	4, 13 Nov	Dale Maffitt Res. Des Moines
Northern Harrier	3	1 Nov	Dale Maffitt Res Des Moines
Sora	1	5 Oct, 3 Nov	Lake Colchester, nw Warren Co. I saw him 5 dates in between also.
American Coot	800	31 Oct	Lake Colchester Warren Co.
Lesser Golden Plover	41	14 Oct	Saylorville Res., Polk Co. m.ob.
Greater Yellowlegs	23	29 Oct	Lake Colchester, Warren Co. Counted heard triple "tews".
Lesser Yellowlegs	9	29 Oct	Lake Colchester, Moved faster than Greater & smaller.
Spotted Sandpiper	1	31 Oct	Lake Colchester Teetered and had white shoulder patch.
Dunlin	1	4, 11, 13 Nov	Lake Colchester Warren Co.
Long-billed Dowitcher	44	17 Oct	Lake Colchester "keeked" Counted
" " "	12	29 Oct	" " " "
I checked this area frequently after I discovered it and found long-bills there 12 days. Most days I heard them "keeking".			
Common Snipe	23	27 Oct	Lake Colchester Warren Co. Counted
Black-billed Cuckoo	1	9 Sept	Saylorville Polk Co
Common Nighthawk	56	21 Sept	Norwalk nw Warren Co.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	2	18-22 Sept	Norwalk Warren Co. at my feeder.
Eastern Phoebe	1	23 Sept	Waterworks Park, Des Moines Polk Co
Barn Swallow	25	14 Oct	Lake Colchester Warren Co
Winter Wren	2	25 Sept	Waterworks Park, Des Moines Polk Co
Marsh Wren	5	24 Sept	Lake Colchester Warren Co.

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Marsh Wren	1	3 Nov	Lake Colchester Warren Co.
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	22 Oct	Waterworks Park, Des Moines, Polk Co.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	5	1 Oct	Swan Lake St. Park, Carroll Co.
Eastern Bluebird	3	13 Nov	Dale Maffitt Res. Des Moines
Water Pipit	8	24 Oct	Lake Colchester Warren Co.
Cedar Waxwing	44	15 Oct	Walnut Woods St. Park Polk Co. Counted
Cape May Warbler	5	18 Oct	Cumming, Warren Co. White undertail coverts, white wing bar, breast streaked with a hint of yellow.
Yellow-rumped Warbler	43	7 Oct	Dale Maffitt Res. Des Moines
Black-throated Green Warbler	4	10 Sept	Walnut Woods St. Park Polk Co.
Black-and-white Warbler	2	10 Sept	Walnut woods St. Park Polk Co.
Common Yellowthroat	1	25 Sept 3,4,5 Oct	Lake Colchester, Warren Co.
Dickcissel	1	27 Sept	s of Norwalk, Warren Co. Yellow chest but no black bib, chestnut wing patch. Also heard
American Tree Sparrow	4	1 Nov	nw Warren Co.
LeConte's Sparrow	12	13 Oct	Linda Packard saw 12. Hour later I saw 8, at same spot
Fox Sparrow	2	21 Oct	nw Warren Co.
Lincoln's Sparrow	13	29 Oct	nw Warren Co.
Swamp Sparrow	15	6 Oct	nw Warren Co.
Harris Sparrow	3	19 Oct	nw Warren co
Common Grackle	1000's	2 Nov	nw Warren Co. They flew over for 2 min. Dumb birds were flying North. There were also some Redwings mixed in.
Black Scoter	1	11 Nov	Saylorville Female with light cheeks dark brown body. m.ob.
White-winged Crossbill	6	23 Nov	Glendale Cem. Polk Co.
I found out that birding			takes on a whole different
meaning when you start counting for a field report.			
It adds a new dimension of fun.			Thank You.