

On Varied Thrush.

Did I say it was robin-sized bird with orange breast-

It was described to me as such. Suppose size is important in identifying it.

Fall field reports 1989

Eared Grebe--one at Saylorville Lake on 8 October (with Steve Dinsmore)

Oldsquaw--one at Big Creek Lake on 18 November (with many others on fall IOU field trip)

Merlin--a road kill bird found in Bremer County on 16 September by Jon Judson (a graduate student in our department) was brought in to me

Sandhill Crane--one seen standing on ice at McCord Pond, Guthrie Co. on 24 November by Jon Judson (Jon knows cranes and described the bird to me)

Willet--one at Saylorville Lake on 27 August (with Bary Engebretsen), the bird flew and saw the wing pattern, this is late for this species

American Crow--the roost in Ames is large again this fall with easily 5000 birds in late November

Winter Wren--I saw one in Ames on 26 November

Sedge Wren--I counted 45 males singing on a restored prairie area next to Saylorville Lake on 23 August

Varied Thrush--one was described to me by George Clark of Ames, he saw it at his feeder in Ames on 25 November, hasn't been seen since then (dark backed bird with bright orange breast, dark breast band, light eye line)

Yellow-rumped Warbler--one was found dead in Ames on 2 November and brought in to our collection

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