FIELD REPORTS FORM for submitting seasonal observations of Iowa birds Page of 2 Season: Fall Year: 1989 Name and Jan L. Walter 934-13th Other observers (name, city): (print or type) Curt R. Nelson Plymouth, Ia Use first few lines to give weather and habitat conditions. Use line(s) below species data to give additional details, if needed. Mail to: 4 186 Sent Standards Standard City IA 52240 use initials of obsv. on species line by 1 Mar, 1 Jun, 1 Aug, or 1 Dec. SPECIES LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS DATE Temperature normal through Oct, below normal in Nov. Localized rains provided good shorebird conditions in a few places late Aug. and early Sep. Overall, period extremely dry 1 10ct. Ventura Marsh Eared Grebe Little Blue Heron lad 3 Sep Ventura Marsh 4 Sep Ventura Marsh Ibis Species 1 Flying bird was all dark much smaller than Great Egrets flying near-by Long legs trailed straight out behind and long, thin neck extended straight foreward Bill was long thin, and sharply down curved Coopers Hawk 20 Aug Mallard Marsh Large head extended well foreward from proportionately short rounded wings. Tail long, barred with wide white tip Wing beat slow and stiff American Avocet Vin 1 Oct Mallard Marsh Western Sandpiper 2 16 Aug Mallard Marsh Juveniles Rusty redish crown Scapulars black with bright rusty reddish edgings Bill black, thicker at base with slight droop at tip White-tumped Sandpiper 5 4 Sep Mallard Marsh Larger than near-by Semi-palmated Sandpipers Crown and backrusty Wings longer than tail When birds flew away white rump was seen Short-billed Dowitcher 3 26 Aug Zirbel Slough Suveniles seen as close as 4sfeet (about) Reddish buff wash on breast Scapulars and inner wing coverts black Vshaped, with wide bright reddish-buff edgings and crosswise innerbars. Black tertials were marked the same Black bars on tail much narrower than white bars

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Distance too great to see feather details. Grey with quite strong con
Red-necked Phalarope Juv 3 Sep Mallard Marsh
Least Tern 1 3 Sep Clear Lake State Park
Curt R. Nelson saw this bird
Red-breasted NuthateH S(peak) 10 Sep Mason City
Seen occasionally from 10 Sep through 25 Nov. Much more numerou
over amuch longer period than usual
Cape May Warbler lade 5 Sep Mason City
Black-throated Blue Warbler lade 14 Sep "
Brewer's Blackbird 2 30 Sep " "
Much shorter than near by Common Grackles, Eye-yellow Head glo
purplish, body greenish Tail proportionately shorter than Grace
more uniform in width, not broader at tip, and squarish, not
rounded tip

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