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Other than shorebirds, migration didn't really get underway until the rains came on 8/25, producing a mini-fallout of warblers on 8/27. Cold fronts on 9/3 and 9/9 seemed to send many summer residents south and a few waterfowl in. Another on 9/22-23 brought yellow-rumps in with a vengeance. The cold front of 10/3 produced numerous sparrows and juncos. The week of 10/20 was extremely warm which brought about an unusual combination of late migrants and early winter arrivals.

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION-COMMENTS</u>
Pacific Loon	1	10/24	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA (see documentation)
Common Loon	15	11/6	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Common Loon	49	11/12	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA (peak)
Common Loon	1	11/23	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA (last)
Horned Grebe	14	10/11	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA
Horned Grebe	6	11/10	Lake Manawa, Pottawattamie Co., IA
Horned Grebe	7	11/12	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA
Eared Grebe	2	10/11	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA
Western Grebe	2	10/28	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA
White Pelican	3	9/6	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
White Pelican	1	9/24	Warren Co., IA (on a farm pond - must have overshot one of the reservoirs!)
White Pelican	1200	9/24	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA
White Pelican	1	11/10	Pottawattamie Co., IA
White Pelican	2	11/12	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA
Double-crested Cormorant	1	8/5	Bay's Branch, Guthrie Co., IA (first)
Double-crested Cormorant	1600	10/22	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Double-crested Cormorant	15	11/23	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Double-crested Cormorant	2	11/30	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Great Blue Heron	1	11/30	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Great Egret	1	10/11, 16	Des Moines River, Polk Co., IA
Gr. White-fronted Goose	24	10/23, 29	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA
Snow Goose	1	9/17	Union Slough NWR, Kossuth Co., IA (first of the season)
Snow Goose	5	10/5	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA
Canada Goose	370	11/30	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA (if this is the wintering flock, it's growing; one lone snow mixed in)
Greater Scaup	3	11/23	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA (2 male; 1 female; rounder head)
Oldsquaw	2	11/10	IPL Ponds, Pottawattamie Co., IA
Oldsquaw	1	11/18-19	Big Creek Lake, Polk Co., IA
Black Scoter	1	10/28	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA (dark duck, white cheek, smaller bill & darker than ruddy)

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Black Scoter	1	11/6	Robert's Creek Lake, Marion Co., IA (same as above but seen at very close range; nice female)
C. Goldeneye	800	11/23	Robert's Creek Lake, Marion Co., IA
Bufflehead	2	10/23	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA (first)
Hooded Merganser	25	11/23	Robert's Creek Lake, Marion Co., IA
Common Merganser	3500	11/23	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Ruddy Duck	8	11/23	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Turkey Vulture	26	10/5	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA (not as many this fall)
Turkey Vulture	1	10/22	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA (last)
Osprey	1	8/25	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
No. Harrier	3	10/8	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA (immatures)
No. Harrier	10	11/5	Lake Rathbun, Appanoose Co., IA (7 in one field)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	35	9/28	Grammer Grove, Marshall Co., IA (peak)
Cooper's Hawk	4	9/28	Grammer Grove, Marshall Co., IA (peak; individual birds also seen at four other locations in central Iowa in October)
Broad-winged Hawk	1	8/27	n. Warren Co., IA
Swainson's Hawk	1	10/22	Polk Co., IA (adult)
Red-tailed Hawk	1	10/8	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA (Krider's - white head and tail with a rusty terminal band, much mottling on back, large white upper wing patches parallel to body, white underneath with no belly band but very pale gray patagials)
Red-tailed Hawk	1	10/16-17	Warren Co., IA (Krider's - much the same as above but with a bit of a belly band)
Red-tailed Hawk	1	11/12	Polk Co., IA (dark phase western or Harlan's type - black with white flight feathers from below, rufous tail with black terminal band; no white on belly; one week later there was a Krider's sitting on the same pole!)
Rough-legged Hawk	1	10/29	Warren Co., IA (first of fall; more this fall than all of last winter)
Merlin	1	8/30	n. Warren Co., IA (early female or probably immature; smallish falcon-pointed wings, dark back, flew directly overhead showing streaked undersides and banded tail)
Merlin	1	11/18	Polk City, Polk Co., IA (identified by size, pointed wings, blue-gray back and flight)
Peregrine Falcon	1	10/15	Lake Ahquabi SP, Warren Co., IA



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Black-bellied Plover	1	11/9	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA (last; identified by white rump and black axillars in flight)
Semipalmated Plover	25	8/12-13	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA
American Avocet	1	9/5	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA (Mike Thomas)
Greater Yellowlegs	24	8/13	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA
Greater Yellowlegs	176	10/29	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA (incredible number of greateres, but well seen and identified by long, upturned bill and calls; also had three lessers for comparison)
Lesser Yellowlegs	100	8/12-13	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	11/9	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA (last)
Solitary Sandpiper	50	8/12-13	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA
Solitary Sandpiper	1	10/11	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA (late)
Ruddy Turnstone	1	9/4,6	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA
Red Knot	2	9/4	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA (see documentation)
Red Knot	1	9/6	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA (see documentation)
Sanderling	2	8/20	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA
Sanderling	1	8/23	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Sanderling	3	9/4; 10/11	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA
Semipalmated Sandpiper	100	8/12-13	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA
Western Sandpiper	2	8/12	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA (identified by bill and rusty scapulars)
Western Sandpiper	1	9/4	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA (identified by bill and rusty scapulars)
Least Sandpiper	100	8/12-13	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA
Baird's Sandpiper	3	9/4	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA
Pectoral Sandpiper	500	8/12-13	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA
Pectoral Sandpiper	1	11/5	Lake Rathbun, Appanoose Co., IA (last)
Dunlin	2	8/12-13	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA (one still in partial alternate plumage)
Dunlin	13	11/9	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA
Stilt Sandpiper	2	8/12-13	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA
Stilt Sandpiper	10	10/28	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA (late; size of pectoral, gray without wingstripe, white rump, longish bill with slight droop - flock in flight also seen by Mark and Beth Proescholdt)
Short-billed Dowitcher	4	8/13	Robert's Creek Lake, Marion Co., IA (primarily still in breeding plumage)
Long-billed Dowitcher	1	8/12	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA (first; still in breeding plumage)
Long-billed Dowitcher	21	10/18	Lakewood, Warren Co., IA (keek)

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Long-billed Dowitcher	63	10/29	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA (studied some with juvenile feather patterns; date presumes all same species)
Wilson's Phalarope	2	8/12	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA
Laughing Gull	1	8/23	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA (see documentation)
Franklin's Gull	4	9/6	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA (first)
Franklin's Gull	3000	10/7	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA
Bonaparte's Gull	1	8/5	Bay's Branch, Guthrie Co., IA (early; first summer bird with retained juvenile pattern to wings, hood not yet complete in front; #'s of Bony's way down from last fall)
Thayer's Gull	1	11/6	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA (see documentation)
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1	10/5,23	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA (see documentation)
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1	11/6,23 11/30	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA (identified by flight feathers)
Caspian Tern	2	8/20	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA (first)
Caspian Tern	19	9/6	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA (peak)
Caspian Tern	1	10/12	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA (last)
Common Tern	1	8/5	Bay's Branch, Guthrie Co., IA (dark wedge in wing)
Forster's Tern	97	8/20	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA
Forster's Tern	1	10/28	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA (late)
Black Tern	11	8/5	Bay's Branch, Guthrie Co., IA
Black Tern	11	9/6	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Common Nighthawk	32	8/24	n. Warren Co., IA (no large flights)
Chimney Swift	3	10/4	n. Warren Co., IA (last)
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1	9/22	n. Warren Co., IA (last; total of eight individuals for the fall)
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	8/28	n. Warren Co., IA (yellow wash from throat to belly)
E. Phoebe	1	10/28	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA (late)
Western Kingbird	1	8/5,7	n. Warren Co., IA (see documentation)
Eastern Kingbird	1	9/28	Marshall Co., IA (last)
Tree Swallow	500	9/27	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Tree Swallow	700	10/7	Polk City, Polk Co., IA
Tree Swallow	1000	10/8	Runnells W.A., Polk Co., IA
Barn Swallow	200	9/27	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Barn Swallow	1	10/28	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA (last)
House Wren	1	10/4	n. Warren Co., IA (last)
Winter Wren	1	10/22	n. Warren Co., IA
Winter Wren	1	11/10	Sawmill Hollow W.A., Harrison Co., IA
E. Bluebird	57	10/7	Polk/Warren Cos., IA (more bluebirds this fall than in the last 25 years!)



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Veery	1	9/4	n. Warren Co., IA
Swainson's Thrush	1	9/11	n. Warren Co., IA
Hermit Thrush	1	10/25	Lake Ahquabi SP, Warren Co., IA
Gray Catbird	2	9/29	n. Warren Co., IA (last)
Brown Thrasher	1	10/23	Warren Co., IA (last)
Water Pipit	23	10/24	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA
Bell's Vireo	1	9/4	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA
Solitary Vireo	2	10/5	n. Warren Co., IA (not many)
Warbling Vireo	1	9/26	n. Warren Co., IA (last but still singing)
Red-eyed Vireo	1	9/28	n. Warren Co., IA (last; very few seen)

**The following warbler reports are a summary of observations from my yard in northern Warren County, Iowa and include the number of days observed during the period. One individual is assumed unless otherwise specified.**

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>PEAK</u>	<u>LAST</u>	<u>DAYS OBSERVED</u>
Tennessee Warbler	8/24	5-9/2	10/5	13
Orange-crowned Warbler	8/27(early)		10/12	23
Nashville Warbler	8/23	6-9/2	10/8	26
N. Parula	9/19			1
(As the parent of an adolescent son, I could really relate to this juvenile male trying to sing!!)				
Yellow Warbler	8/5		8/27	4
Chestnut-sided Warbler	8/19		9/11	5
Magnolia Warbler	8/27		9/22	4
Cape May Warbler	8/28		8/29	2
Yellow-rumped Warbler	17-9/23	38-10/5	10/25	33
Black-throated Green Warbler	9/5		9/21	2
Blackburnian Warbler	8/12 (early)	2-8/30	9/19	11
(wings black with two white wingbars; heavily streaked dark back; lemon yellow face and throat with dark triangular face patch)				
Pine Warbler	8/27 (early)		8/29	3 (see doc.)
Palm Warbler	9/30		2-10/2	2
Bay-breasted Warbler	8/19 (early)	9-9/3	9/23	10
Blackpoll Warbler	2-8/28		2-9/10	5
Black-and-White Warbler	4-8/27		9/23	12
Am. Redstart	8/27		9/21	11
Ovenbird	8/27		9/21	3
N. Waterthrush	8/30			1
Mourning Warbler	8/27		9/3	4
C. Yellowthroat	8/27		9/20	3
Wilson's Warbler	8/24	4-9/3	9/29	13
Canada Warbler	8/28		9/20	2

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Scarlet Tanager	1	10/1	n. Warren Co., IA (full winter plumage male)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	9/30	n. Warren Co., IA (last)
Indigo Bunting	1	10/12	n. Warren Co., IA (last)
Dickcissel	1	9/9	n. Warren Co., IA (last)
Am. Tree Sparrow	1	10/28	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA (first)
Chipping Sparrow	1	10/24	n. Warren Co., IA (last)
Fox Sparrow	1	10/9	n. Warren Co., IA (first)
Fox Sparrow	8	10/28	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA (peak)
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	9/23	n. Warren Co., IA (first)
White-throated Sparrow	1	9/26	n. Warren Co., IA (first)
Harris' Sparrow	1	10/3	n. Warren Co., IA (first)
Harris' Sparrow	abundant	11/10	DeSoto NWR, Harrison Co., IA
Harris' Sparrow	3	11/26	n. Warren Co., IA (maybe my overwinterers)
Dark-eyed Junco	1	10/3	n. Warren Co., IA (first)
Snow Bunting	13	10/26,28	Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA (early)
Snow Bunting	1	11/1	Red Rock Res., Marion Co., IA
Snow Bunting	1	11/5	Lake Rathbun, Appanoose Co., IA
N. Oriole	5	9/4	n. Warren Co., IA (left with the first big cold front)