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SEASON: Fall

YEAR: 1989

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

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
Pacific Loon	1	10-22-89	Saylorville Res. (SD, et al.)
Western Grebe	1-2	Oct. 22 Nov. 3, 4, 11	Saylorville Res. (m. ob.)
Snowy Egret	1	13 Aug	Along Missouri Riv. - Ia. side - across <sup>From</sup> Nebraska <sub>city</sub>
Surf Scoter	1	9 Oct.	Saylorville Res.
Black Scoter	1	11 Nov.	Saylorville Res.
Merlin	1	Sept. 5 16 Oct.	Saylorville Res
Peregrine Falcon	1	23 Oct.	south Saylorville Dam
Prairie Falcon	1	14 Oct.	2 mi. NW Minburn, Ia.
Piping Plover	1	13 Aug.	IPL Ponds
American Avocet	12	13 Aug.	SW of Forney Lake
Red Knot	1		Saylorville Res.
Red-breasted Nuthatches	many	10 Sept.	started showing up all over - present at feeder thru season
N. Mockingbird	1	13 Aug	NE Riverton W.A.
Cape May Warbler	1	2 Sept. 10 Sept. 11 Sept.	} near Perry, Ia. Saylorville Res.
Pine Warbler	1	6 Aug.	Saylorville Res. - record early date?
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1 ♂	18 Sept.	near Perry, Ia. - only one I even heard of
Connecticut Warbler	1	2 Sept.	near Perry, Ia. (complete eyering)
Snow Bunting	6	29 Oct.	Saylorville Res. - 1 <sup>st</sup> of the fall
Pine Siskins	many many	late Oct. all Nov.	Perry, Ia. - at least 6 to 10 daily at feeders - many others elsewhere
White-winged Crossbill	5 12+ 2	11-17-89 11-18-89 11-19-89	Perry Glendale Cemetery - Des Moines State Forest Nursery - Ames
	7 2	11-24-89 11-26-89	Yellow River St. Forest Waterloo, Ia.
Golden Eagle	2 imm.	11-24-89	1 SW of New Albin } both in Allamakee Co. 1 near L+D #9 at Harpers Ferry
Tundra Swan	approx 80	11-24-89	just north of Harpers Ferry
Glaucous Gull	1	11-30-89	Saylorville Res.

Also present on 11-30-89 at Saylorville Res. was a gull that in my opinion was a 1<sup>st</sup> yr. Thayers Gull - overall buffy - silvery wing linings - broad diffused tail band - primaries light from above except for tips. I'm not sure any of us can ID Thayers so I didn't bother to document.

## 1989 Fall Sightings - Details

### 1. Surf Scoter - Oct. 9, 1989 Saylorville Res.

One bird - three ~~♂~~ had been seen earlier - Bird was a large, dark brown duck with large scoter-like bill. There were two white spots on the side of the head - one between bill and eye and the other behind the eye. When the bird flew, I saw it had no white on the ~~with~~ wings, thus ~~eliminating~~ eliminating white-winged scoter.

### 2. Black Scoter ♀ - Nov. 11, 1989 - Saylorville Res.

This duck was seen well by many observers. I believe the bird was a female because of the sharp distinction between the dark brown crown, hind neck and body as compared to the whitish face and throat.

### 3. Merlin - Sept 5 + Oct. 16 both at Saylorville Res

Both birds were females or immatures as they were brown backed with a heavily streaked breast. Birds were smaller than peregrine or prairie falcon and the only other falcon for confusion is a kestrel which is not as dark on underside, especially under side of tail, as these birds.

### 4. Peregrine Falcon - Oct. 23, 1989 south of Saylorville Dam -

This was an immature bird with very dark brown back and heavily streaked breast. Crow size. The ~~roster~~ "side burns" were very wide and heavy.