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### Iowa Fall Bird Report

Com. Loon - 6 - 10-30 - Lake Manawa - BP, AG  
4 - 10-31 - " " - BP, TB  
3 - 11- 1 - " " - BP  
1 - 11-11 - " " - BP, LP

Horned Grebe - 2 - 10-27 - Lake Manawa - BP,  
6 - 11-6 - Saylorville - BP,LP,AG,JT,TB  
2 - 11-14 - Lake Manawa - BP

Western Grebe - 1 - 11-1 - Saylorville - BP,LP,AG,JT,TB

White Pelican - 1 immature - 10-13 - 11-6 - Manawa - BP,LP  
2 - 10-31 - IPL ponds - BP

Dbl.Cr.Cormorant- 3- 9-12- Manawa - BP  
peak #s occurred the week of Oct. 30th with aprx. 1500 at  
the IPL ponds & several hundred at Manawa. Birds were  
flying back and forth between Manawa & IPL.

Grt. Blue Heron - 2 - 11-14 - IPL ponds - BP  
1 - 11-18 - Saylorville - BP,LP  
1 - 11-18 - Red Rocks Res. - BP,LP

Grt. Egret - 1 - 10-13-29 - Lake Manawa - BP,LP

Cattle Egret - 1 - 10-30 - feedlot east of IPL ponds.  
bird flew from the ponds to the feedlot. Stayed in the  
lot about 10 minutes, then flew south. BP, AG

Blk.Cr.Nt.Heron - 1 adult - 8-21 - Manawa - BP,LP

Lesser Scaup - aprx. 7000 - 10-30 - Manawa - BP,AG

Oldsquaw - 1- 10-29- 11-9 - IPL ponds - B&LP \*  
2- 11-11- 19 - IPL ponds - B&LP  
1- 11-18 - Big Creek - B&LP  
1- 11-27 - Pony Creek Lake, Mills Co. - BP

this individual was about 50 ft away. It was diving while I  
saw it for a period of about 5 minutes, coming up to the  
surface for a second or two at a time. It had a white head  
with dark gray smudges on the top & lighter gray on the back  
of the neck. It had a dark gray spot behind the eye. Small  
dark gray bill. Black back with some white spotting and a  
white belly.

Surf Scoter - 1 - 10-31 - Manawa - BP, TB  
large, all dark duck; wings all dark; looked like an

immature with 2 white spots on face. Long bill sloped down from forehead.

1 - 11-3 - Manawa - BP

White-winged Scoter - 1 - 11-6- 23 - IPL ponds - BP,LP

Black Scoter - 1 - 10-13-29 - IPL ponds - BP,LP, \*

10-30 - " " - BP,AG

1 - 10-31 - Manawa - BP, TB - large dark duck. The head did not slope, but was more rounded than the Surf Scoter with a definite forehead. Large white patch on the side of the head. It was swimming with a Surf Scoter.

Common Goldeneye- 3 - 11-3 - Manawa; 2 - IPL ponds

Barrow's Goldeneye- 1 adult male - 11-12 - 15 -IPL ponds - B&LP - 11-12 - Approx. the same size as Common Goldeneyes. Head smaller than Com. Goldeneye. Forehead rises more abruptly from the bill than Com. Goldeneye. It had a white crescent between the eye and the bill; otherwise head was black. The bill was dark, stubby and small. Back was darker overall in comparison to Com. Goldeneye. Black v-shaped mark extended from the back forward to the side of the breast almost to the water line. Belly and underparts white. Bird was in the south pond from 1:15 until it flew into the north pond at 2:20 with 3 Com. Goldeneyes. Was last seen at 3:15.

Bufflehead - 7 -10-30 - IPL ponds - BP

Hooded Merganser - 2 - 10-30 - IPL ponds - BP

38 - 11-3 - Manawa - BP

16 - 11-11 - Manawa - BP,LP

10 - 11-12 - IPL ponds - BP,LP

1 - 11-27 - " " - BP

more numerous than usual

Osprey - 1 - 9-22 - Manawa - BP

Bald Eagle - 1 imm. - 11-12 - IPL ponds -BP

1 ad. - 11-17 - Manawa - BP

Merlin - 1 - 10-2 - Lake Manawa - BP

Peregrine Falcon - 1 - 8-29 - Manawa -BP, TB

About 1 pm a large, brown falcon flew over the flock of Ring-billed gulls (that were resting on the shore) a couple of times. Then landed in a dead tree for aprox. 5 minutes. Then flew off to the north. We thought it was probably one of the released birds from the Peregrine project in Omaha.

Semi-palm. Plover - 4 - 8-28 - IPL ponds - BP,LP

2 - 9-3 - " " - BP,LP

Killdeer - last date - 11-12 - 1 - IPL ponds - BP,LP

Avocet - 15 - 8/27 - IPL ponds - BP,LP

Gr. Yellowlegs - 4 - 8-27 - IPL ponds - BP,LP  
1 - 10-29 - " " - BP, LP

Less. Yellowlegs - 4 - 8/27 - IPL ponds -BP,LP  
1 - 8/28 - Manawa, 1 - IPL - BP,LP

Solitary Sand. - 2 - 8/9 - DeSoto - BP, TB

Baird's Sand. - 1 - 8-9 - DeSoto; 2 - IPL - BP,TB,RW  
2 - 9-3 - IPL - BP,LP  
1 - 11-12 - IPL - BP,LP

This peep had long wings that extended beyond the tail when at rest; dark bill, dark legs, buffy breast, brown back, white belly. Bill length was the same as the head.

Pectoral - 24 - 8-9 - DeSoto; 6 - IPL -BP, TB, RW  
3 - 9-3 - IPL - B&LP

Semi-palm. Sand. - 4 - 9-6 - Manawa - BP

Least Sand. - 2 - 8-6 - IPL - BP  
12 - 9-3 - IPL -BP, LP

Upland Sand. - 1-8-9 - east of DeSoto Refuge - BP,RW, TB

Western Sand. - 1 - 8-9 - IPL ponds - BP,RW

Stilt Sand. - 1- 8-9 - DeSoto; 3 - IPL ponds - BP,TB, RW  
23 - 8-27 - IPL ponds -BP,LP  
1 - 9-1 - " " -BP,LP

Sanderling - 1 - 8-11 - IPL ponds - BP,LP  
1 - 9-3 - IPL ponds - BP,LP

(this was a controversial bird, thought to be a Red Phalarope by at least one person.)

Wilson's Phalarope - 4 - 8-9 - IPL ponds - BP,RW  
1 - 8-26 - " " - BP,LP

*Laughing Gull* - 1-8-27 - IPL -BP, LP \*

Franklin's Gull - 1 - 8-26 - Manawa - BP,LP  
aprx. 800 - 10-13 - Manawa -BP,LP  
peak #s - aprx. 2000 - 10-16 - Manawa - BP, AG

Bonaparte's Gull - 8 - 10-17 - IPL - BP  
10 -10-30 - Manawa - BP  
5 - 11-12 - IPL - BP, LP

Glaucous Gull - 1 - 11-18 - Red Rocks Reservoir - BP,LP,TB,RS  
1st year bird. Very large, larger than Herring Gull which was there for direct comparison. Bird overall a cream color,

wings all light.

Thayer's Gull - 1 - 10-30 - IPL ponds - BP, AG \*

Forster's Tern - 10 - 8-27 - IPL ponds - BP,LP  
3 - 9-22 - Manawa - BP

Yellow-bill. Cuckoo - 1 - 9-22 - Manawa - BP

Belted Kingfisher - 1 - 11-27 - Pony Creek, Mills - BP

Alder Flycatcher - 2 (singing) - 8-9 - DeSoto - BP, TB, RW  
Purple Martin - 200 - 8-28 - 9-6 - Manawa - BP

Red br. Nuthatch - 3 - Oak Hill Cemetery, Council Bluffs,  
BP, LP

Carolina Wren - 1 - 11-27 - Pony Creek - BP

Sedge Wren - 1 - 9-17 - Emmett Co. - BP, LP

Marsh Wren - 1 - 9-17 - Emmett Co. - BP, LP

Loggerhead Shrike - 1 - 10-31 - Mills Co. - BP, TB  
1 - 11-23 - Mills Co. - BP, LP, RS

Warbling Vireo - 10 - 9-6 - Manawa - BP

Bell's Vireo - 3 - 8-28 - Manawa - BP  
1 - 9-1 - " - BP

Dick Cissel - 1 - 9-17 - Emmett Co. - BP, LP

Yellow-headed Blk. - 7 - 9-4 - IPL ponds - BP

Brewer's Blackbird - 2 males, 2 females - 10-30 - BP, AG  
Pottawattamie Co., feedlot directly east of IPL ponds.  
Were with Starlings and Brown-headed Cowbirds. Males were <sup>black</sup> glossy with white eyes. Females had dark eyes. They were overall brown in color, but showed some blue gloss on the wings in good light. The female Cowbirds were smaller and more slender overall than the Brewer's.

House Finch - one pair - 11-26 - Oak Hill Cemetery, Council Bluffs - BP, LP

White-winged Crossbill - 2 males, 1 female - 11-26 - Oak Hill Cem., Council Bluffs - BP, LP

\* = documentation enclosed

Other observers:

AG = Alan Grenon

RW = Rick Wright

TB = Tanya Bray

JT = Jerry Toll

RS = Ross Silcock