

Season: FALL Year: 1989

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Use first few lines to give weather and habitat conditions. Use line(s) below species data to give additional details, if needed. Mail to: ~~T. H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City IA 52240~~ by 1 Mar, 1 Jun, 1 Aug, or 1 Dec.

use initials of obsv. on species line

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
Am. White Pelican	45	Sept. 2	First at Sailorville
Canvasback	0		Very scarce at Pool 19 at Keokuk. In past years there would have been 1000s all fall.
Surf Scoter	3	Oct. 8	See Details. With Tom Kent
Broad-winged Hawk	1	Aug. 27	This bird was in a residential area, so I presume it was a migrant.
Merlin	1	Sept. 15	Union Slough with kent and Moore
Peregrine Falcon	1	Oct. 9	Jester Park, Sailorville. See Details.
Gray Partridge	8	Oct. 19	Fayette Co.
American Coot	900	Sept. 17	Spirit Lake with kent and Moore
Red Knot	1	Sept. 2	Sandpiper Beach, Sailorville. See Details Documentation
Sanderling	20	Sept. 2	Oak Grove Beach, Sailorville with Bery Englebretson
Dunlin	1	Nov. 26	Red Rock Res. Near dam/Moore and Kent.
Buff-br. Sandpiper	1	Sept. 2	Oak Grove Beach at Sailorville with Englebretson.
Am. Woodcock	3	Aug. 5	Croton Unit, Shimek State Forest, Lee County.
Red-necked Phalarope	5	Sept. 15	Union Slough NWF with Kent and Moore
Franklin's Gull	2600	Oct. 9	Sailorville. Peak.
Laughing Gull	1	Aug. 26	See Documentation
Ring-billed Gull	345	Aug. 27	Pool 19, Mississippi River at Montrose - Lee Co.
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1	Aug. 19	See Documentation
Thayer's Gull	2	Nov. 24	See Documentation.. With Kent and Moore on 25th.
Forester's Tern	46	Sept. 30	Pool 19 at Keokuk.
Black Tern	36	Aug. 27	Pool 19 at Montrose, lee County
Common Nighthawk	197	Sept. 8	Des Moines.
Chimney Swift	1	Oct. 22	Des Moines. Last.

Details of ID

Oct. 8 SURF SCOTER

After being told of the presence of three Surfs, I went to the dam at Sailorville and noted the following:

Three ducks, uniformly dark brown. Head on all showed white spots (2), one in front of eye near bill, another behind eye. Spots were less evident on two birds, very evident on third. More or less straight line from crown to bill tip.

In flight, ducks showed dirty white belly, appx. oval shaped. Wings were uniformly dark like upper body - no speculum visible.

Oct. 9 PEREGRINE FALCON

At Jester Park, noted raptor sitting in dead tree along lake shore. Noted whitish cheek formed by "helmet". Dark streaking (not bars) on breast. Whitish tip on narrowly barred tail. In flight, noted pointed falcon wings which were very dark (gray or dark brown - couldn't tell) and uniform in color. Wings appeared dark underneath, but this may have been lighting. No contrasting axillaries noted. overall, the bird was appx. crow sized.