

Season: Fall Year: 1990

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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.

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
Upland Sandpiper	6	Aug. 25	Fremont Co. — BB, AJ
Wilson's Phalarope	5	Sept. 11	W. of Huxley (Story Co.) — RS
Red-necked Phalarope	2	Sept. 11	W. of Huxley — RS
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	3	Sept. 12	Grammer Grove Wildlife Area — (Marshall Co.) — RS
Pileated Woodpecker	1	Oct. 10	Grammer Grove
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	Sept. 4	Grammer Grove — RS
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	Sept. 5	Liscomb yard — (Marshall Co.)
Yellow-throated Vireo	1	Sept. 4	Grammer Grove — RS
Nashville Warbler	5-6	Sept. 15	Grammer Grove
Black-thr. Green Warbler	1	Sept. 5	Grammer Grove
" " " "	1	Oct. 1	Liscomb yard
Mourning Warbler	1	Sept. 4, Sept. 6	Grammer Grove — RS
" "	1	Sept. 11	Grammer Grove — RS
Pine Siskin	1	Oct. 28	Liscomb yard
Ibis Sp.	1	Sept. 11	W. of Huxley — RS
			(much observed bird. Big wading bird. Long decurved bill. Body-chestnut Brown + Green tinge)
[Reported to Beth Proescholdt]			
Golden-winged Warbler	1	Sept. 7	Seen by Betty Savage of Marshalltown in their back yard at their dripping bird bath.
Shrike Sp.	1	Nov. 13	Seen by Betty Savage of Marshalltown by her feeders — only 2 feet from window. She thought it was a Northern Shrike, but it was there just a little bit and then was gone. She thought the eyes weren't enclosed in the black mask and that the white went over the top of the bill.

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This year I had a rather extensive Hawk watch, sometimes with Mark, usually alone. This was at Grammer Grove on a ridge paralleling the Iowa River. Not an ideal site with unlimited views in all directions, it was instead a wide-open "bird blind" with trees to the north & south, but above tree level ^{of trees} of the river valley & the trees along the river. Such a site necessitates fast calls and results in several "accipiter sp" or "buteo sp" or even "unident". But hidden as it is, it allows Sharpshins to zip through at eye level, a Peregrine to pass "almost close enough to touch", or a Merlin to blast right over our heads.

I will send a summary, & also some highlights.

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From Sept 7 to Oct 21 - 74 hours

(From Sept 14 to Oct 13 I missed only 4 days due to weather. Later in October as activity slowed I was out less. On some days that were really slow I was out only on hawk or two, on some days up to 5 hours, & on red-hot October 7 for 7 hours.)

Sharpshin	199
Cooper's	47
Redtail	213
Broadwing	201
Swainson's	1
Kestrel	20
Merlin	3
Peregrine	2
HARRIER	10
Osprey	16
Turkey Vulture	50
Bald Eagle	2
Golden Eagle	1
falcon sp	3
accipiter sp	19
buteo sp	25
unidentified raptor	12

Total 824

Highlights

Sept 19 - 97 Broadwings

Sept 24 34 Broadwings
 19 Sharpshins
 7 Coopers

Sept 29 61 Sharpshins
 1 Swainson's
 15 Redtails

Sept 30 29 Sharpshins
 24 Redtails

Oct 7 (7 hours) 91 Redtails
 21 Sharpshins

(the weather I'd been waiting for -
 cold front, strong north winds,
 rising barometer)

a total of 124 that day

Oct 18 - 1 imm Golden Eagle
 (documented)

Sept 23 }
 Oct 17 } Bald Eagle each day -
 both 1st year immatures

details:

Merlins - Sept 16 - with Mark

Sept 20 - alone

Oct 3 - alone

Sept 16 - silhouette only, up high, soaring, had good long looks at it - thick stocky wings at base, all dark underneath, hard angles to wings + body as opposed to a Kestrel, medium/small-sized falcon

Sept 20 - falcon shaped, heavy-looking wings compared to Kestrel, medium ^{small} sized, all dark back, powerful fast flight as bird blasted through edge of trees

Oct 3 - out of the corner of my eye I caught a small dark falcon blasting ^{through} at edge of trees on the ridge about 20 feet away. I turned the other way as it flashed over the pines behind me + was gone. All dark, falcon shaped, wider wings than Kestrel, hard powerful flight, more direct + faster than that of Kestrel

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details:

Peregrines Sept 16
Sept 23

Sept 16: 10:00 AM

large falcon, saw a glimpse
of light-colored underparts

Sept 23 - 12:05

large falcon gliding high -
higher than we've ever seen one -
too large for Merlin.

Light underneath, probably
tendrines subspecies.

Going over fast in strong winds
aloft

(Ours is certainly no great hawk-watching
site as Duluth's Hawk Ridge, or Cape May, or
many of the sites with phenomenal
amounts of recorded migrating hawks.
But there are a lot more hawks flying
south ^{in autumn} along the Iowa River in central
Iowa than I thought)