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ITEM	COMMON NAME	NUM	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT
1	✓ American White Pelican	1	8/26/90	Riverton, Fremont Co., IA	Marsh
2	✓ Double-crested Cormorant The two flew over the highway as we drove past IPL.	2	8/26/90	Iowa P&L, Fremont Co., IA	Fly Over
3	✓ Little Blue Heron All immatures. Yellowish greenish legs. Light-colored grayish bill. Half the size of great egret.	6	8/26/90	Riverton, Fremont Co., IA	Marsh
4	✓ Black-crowned Night-Heron Two immatures and one adult. These provided nice comparison to the yellow-crowns. The black-crowns feet trailed visibly when they flew, but hardly any leg showed.	3	8/26/90	Riverton, Fremont Co., IA	Marsh
5	✓ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron All immature. When they flew, feet and a chunk of leg as long as the feet trailed visible.	12	8/26/90	Riverton, Fremont Co., IA	Marsh
6	✓ Turkey Vulture May have been the last I saw.	1	9/28/90	Glasgow Acres, Jefferson Co., IA	
7	✓ Osprey	1	9/6/90	MIU Campus, Fairfield, IA	Fly Over
8	✓ Northern Harrier	2	10/7/90	Airport, Fairfield, IA	Open Farmland
9	✓ Northern Harrier	3	10/26/90	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	
10	✓ Rough-legged Hawk First	1	11/24/90	Glasgow Acres, Jefferson Co., IA	

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11	✓ Peregrine Falcon	1	8/25/90	Mills Co., IA	Woods
	An immature. It had two vertical falcon-stripes on each cheek, unlike typical adult peregrine. Crown was dark. Back dark brown. Breast heavily streaked. Barb Wilson said she thought it was a hacked bird from Omaha. It wasn't banded. This bird was just as beautiful as if it had been put there by nature. It was quite dark and heavily striped on the breast.				
12	✓ Gray Partridge	2	8/28/90	48th Street, Fairfield, IA	Open Farmland
13	✓ Semipalmated Plover	3	8/25/90	Iowa P&L, Fremont Co., IA	Beach
14	✓ Piping Plover	1	8/25/90	Iowa P&L, Pottawatomie Co., IA	Sandy Beach
	A little plover, back the color of light sand, lighter than semipalmated plovers we saw 10 minutes earlier. It was well back from the water, on dry sand. Barb Wilson spotted it. It was a long way away, invisible with naked eye, but with scopes we could see it was in basic plumage, no black marks on face or neck.				
15	✓ American Avocet	1	8/25/90	Iowa P&L, Pottawatomie Co., IA	Pond
	Basic plumage.				
16	✓ Pectoral Sandpiper	15	8/25/90	Iowa P&L, Pottawatomie Co., IA	Pond
17	✓ Stilt Sandpiper	3	8/26/90	Riverton, Fremont Co., IA	Marsh
	Long bill, drooping at end. Probing in deeper water.				
18	✓ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1	8/26/90	Riverton, Fremont Co., IA	Flooded Field
	Bird worked among corn stubble. Size of pectoral sandpipers. Rounder head, upright neck, no streaks on breast. Grey breast & head with prominent dark eye. I saw no buffiness and doubt that I would have identified this bird without help. However, I had a good look and did see that the shape was similar to upland sandpiper. A very plain bird.				
19	✓ Long-billed Dowitcher	2	8/26/90	Riverton, Fremont Co., IA	Marsh
	I am satisfied these were Long-billeds because I saw: dark flecks on front of throat and upper breast; bars, not spots, on lower flanks; bellies were rusty all the way, with no white patches on underparts. "Shorebirds" indicates these characters will do the trick. A state bird for me.				
20	✓ Wilson's Phalarope	1	8/26/90	Riverton, Fremont Co., IA	Flooded Field
	Basic plumage. Very white in contrast to other shorebirds. White supercilium.				

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21	✓ Common Tern Compared to the same-sized 8 Forster's terns near it, the Common had a much darker wing. Outer half of wing was shaded darker around outer edges. Inner edge of wing had very dark bar along top of leading edge. This was darkest part of wing, and evident when bird turned so sun shone on it. There was black on head, not a full cap.	1	8/25/90	Iowa P&L, Pottawatomie Co., IA	Pond
22	✓ Chimney Swift Maximum	4000	9/21/90	Fairfield High School, Fairfield, IA	Chimney
23	Belted Kingfisher One caught a fish, perched on a tree branch, and beat the fish constantly on the branch for a full minute, until the fish's shape could best be described as amorphous, and swallowed it head first. Then the kingfisher splashed into the water, returned to branch fishless, and repeated the cycle about ten times. Might have been washing the blood off?	2	8/28/90	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Pond
24	✓ Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	8/26/90	Fremont Co., IA	Rural Area
25	✓ Eastern Phoebe I'm surprised every year to see these birds so late.	1	11/7/90	Fairfield, IA	Pond
26	✓ Carolina Wren Two were hanging around my yard for several days and singing constantly.	2	8/1/90	My Back Yard, Fairfield, IA	Residential Area
27	✓ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher I don't see these very often in Fairfield.	1	9/6/90	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Railroad Tracks
28	✓ Swainson's Thrush No rusty. Buff breast.	1	9/11/90	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	City Park
29	✓ Solitary Vireo	1	9/28/90	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Railroad Tracks
30	✓ Orange-crowned Warbler Darker than Tennessee; dark yellow undertail coverts. Had that little light speck beside wing that I first noticed on orange-crowns at Bentsen-Rio Grande.	1	9/3/90	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Railroad Tracks

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31	✓ Orange-crowned Warbler	1	9/13/90	Fairfield, IA	Railroad Tracks
32	✓ Northern Parula Bluish grey back, with olive green patch on back. First one I've seen in Jefferson Co.	1	9/1/90	Glasgow Acres, Jefferson Co., IA	Trees
33	✓ Northern Parula Green patch on upper back. Big white wing bars. Yellow throat and breast. Unstreaked. White undertail coverts. White crescent above and below eye. Trace of breast band.	1	9/13/90	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	City Park
34	✓ Yellow Warbler	1	9/13/90	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	City Park
35	✓ Magnolia Warbler	2	8/31/90	Glasgow Acres, Jefferson Co., IA	Trees
36	✓ Magnolia Warbler Seeing lots more of these this year than I have in the past.	1	9/11/90	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Trees
37	✓ Ovenbird	1	9/6/90	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Railroad Tracks
38	✓ Mourning Warbler Olive green back, no wing bars, suggestion of hood, with streaking on lower front of hood; bright yellow undertail coverts; distinct broken white eyering; flesh-colored feet. In low brush.	1	8/31/90	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Railroad Tracks
39	✓ Wilson's Warbler	1	9/6/90	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Railroad Tracks
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41	✓ Blue Grosbeak	1	8/25/90	near IPL plant, Pottawatomie Co., IA	Roadside
	One male perched in a tree. Dark, not evidently blue, but with conspicuous brown wingbar, very large bill.				
42	✓ Rufous-sided Towhee	1	10/28/90	Jefferson Co. Park, Fairfield, IA	
	White-spotted race. This bird was strangely pale grey.				
43	✓ American Tree Sparrow	1	10/11/90	Fairfield, IA	Railroad Tracks
	First				
44	✓ White-throated Sparrow	3	9/27/90	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Railroad Tracks
	I saw few of these this year.				
45	✓ Western Meadowlark	1	10/7/90	Airport, Fairfield, IA	Open Farmland
	Sang. I see few westerns here; nearly all easterns.				
46	American Goldfinch	1	9/6/90	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Railroad Tracks
	Beginning fall moult.				