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Fall was for the most part very warm and mild and migration was certainly different than it has been in the past few years. The loon movement has been fantastic, as evidenced by the 200+ commons at Coralville Reservoir on 4 November, but grebes have been rather scarce. Were there a ton of buff-breasted sandpipers or did I just finally learn how to find them? Many birds seemed to keep on moving with the warm weather and good flying conditions. Warblers appeared in waves this fall, more like spring movement than fall. Vireo migration was above normal, however, as evidenced by the seven Philadelphias in my yard. There were also an above normal number of calling Empidonax flycatchers for the post-breeding season. The fall season has also been rather normal in the somewhat early arrival of a few winter residents and the lingering of a few summer nesters.

✓ RED-THROATED LOON	11/04/90	No.= 1	Coralville Reservoir	Johnson	IA	see documentation
✓ RED-THROATED LOON	11/12/90	No.= 1	Lake Manawa	Pottawattamie	IA	see documentation
✓ PACIFIC LOON	11/10/90	No.= 1	Jester Park	Polk	IA	see documentation
✓ COMMON LOON	10/13/90	No.= 1	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA	first of fall
✓ COMMON LOON	11/04/90	No.= 200+	Coralville Reservoir	Johnson	IA	
✓ COMMON LOON	11/11/90	No.= 59	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA	
COMMON LOON	11/22/90	No.= 22	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA	
✓ COMMON LOON	11/25/90	No.= 6	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA	
✓ PIED-BILLED GREBE	10/03/90	No.= 3	Lakin's Slough	Guthrie	IA	one with some retained juvenal head pattern
✓ HORNED GREBE	10/28/90	No.= 5	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA	
✓ RED-NECKED GREBE	10/28/90	No.= 1	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA	see documentation
✓ AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN	08/01/90	No.= 27	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA	
✓ AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN	10/06/90	No.= 3500	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren/Marion	IA	peak
✓ AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN	11/12/90	No.= 1	Lake Manawa	Pottawattamie	IA	late
✓ AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN	11/25/90	No.= 2	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA	late; probably injured
✓ DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT	08/01/90	No.= 19	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA	
✓ DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT	10/13/90	No.= 2000	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren/Marion	IA	peak
✓ GREAT BLUE HERON	08/27/90	No.= 300+	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA	peak
✓ GREAT BLUE HERON	11/25/90	No.= 56	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Marion	IA	
✓ GREAT EGRET	08/29/90	No.= 268	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Marion/Warren	IA	peak
✓ GREAT EGRET	10/13/90	No.= 43	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren/Marion	IA	moved out shortly after
✓ CATTLE EGRET	08/27/90	No.= 1	w. of Knoxville	Marion	IA	

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✓ GR. WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE	10/06/90	No.= 100	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren/Marion	IA	first of fall
✓ ROSS' GOOSE	11/12/90	No.= 4	DeSoto NWR	Harrison	IA	no grin patch; stubby bill
✓ GREATER SCAUP	11/04/90	No.= 2	Coralville Reservoir	Johnson	IA	long wing stripe noted on at least two birds; may have been a few more
✓ SURF SCOTER	11/10/90	No.= 1	Jester Park	Polk	IA	see documentation
✓ HOODED MERGANSER	11/25/90	No.= 68	Jester Park	Polk	IA	added to the 38 at Red Rock, it was quite a day for Hoodeds
✓ OSPREY	08/27/90	No.= 1	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA	
✓ BALD EAGLE	08/01/90	No.= 1	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA	immature
✓ BALD EAGLE	08/29/90	No.= 1	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren	IA	immature
✓ ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK	11/12/90	No.= 4	Pottawatamie/Harrison		IA	
✓ MERLIN	10/06/90	No.= 2	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren/Marion	IA	both flew over fairly closely, dark back, very dark, heavy streaking underneath
✓ PEREGRINE FALCON	09/16/90	No.= 1	Brenton's Slough	Dallas	IA	chased and dive-bombed by Kestrel with a death wish! paid no attention to Kestrel
✓ PEREGRINE FALCON	10/06/90	No.= 3	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren/Marion	IA	all well seen, one through scope, at intervals of 1-1.5 hrs.; well defined hood observed on each; great hawk watching spot this fall
✓ YELLOW RAIL	09/29/90	No.= 1	Snake Creek Marsh	Greene	IA	white wing patches; yellow wash to head and breast
✓ VIRGINIA RAIL	09/29/90	No.= 1	Snake Creek Marsh	Greene	IA	
✓ VIRGINIA RAIL	10/03/90	No.= 1	Snake Creek Marsh	Greene	IA	
✓ BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER	08/19/90	No.= 1	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA	first
✓ BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER	10/16/90	No.= 7	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA	peak

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✓ LESSER GOLDEN-PLOVER	09/03/90	No.= 1	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren	IA	first
✓ LESSER GOLDEN-PLOVER	09/23/90	No.= 11	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren	IA	peak
✓ SEMIPALMATED PLOVER	10/01/90	No.= 9	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Marion	IA	
✓ PIPING PLOVER	09/03/90	No.= 1	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren	IA	
✓ SOLITARY SANDPIPER	10/06/90	No.= 3	Runnells Wildlife Area	Marion	IA	late
✓ UPLAND SANDPIPER	08/25/90	No.= 6	near Nebraska City	Fremont	IA	
✓ UPLAND SANDPIPER	08/26/90	No.= 9	near Nebraska City	Fremont	IA	
✓ RUDDY TURNSTONE	09/05/90	No.= 1	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA	
✓ SANDERLING	08/23/90	No.= 3	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA	first
✓ SANDERLING	09/03/90	No.= 5	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren	IA	peak
✓ SANDERLING	09/29/90	No.= 5	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA	peak
✓ WESTERN SANDPIPER	08/16/90	No.= 3	near Booneville	Madison	IA	red scapulars and cap
✓ WESTERN SANDPIPER	08/17/90	No.= 2	near Iowa Power	Polk	IA	red scapulars and cap
✓ BAIRD'S SANDPIPER	09/03/90	No.= 17	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA	with buff-breasteds
✓ SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER	10/14/90	No.= 1	Coralville Reservoir	Johnson	IA	see documentation
✓ BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER	08/29/90	No.= 5	Runnells Wildlife Area	Polk	IA	
✓ BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER	09/03/90	No.= 5	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA	
✓ BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER	09/13/90	No.= 8	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA	
✓ BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER	09/29/90	No.= 2	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA	
✓ BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER	10/16/90	No.= 1	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA	record late? see documentation
✓ SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER	08/29/90	No.= 25	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren/Marion	IA	buffy breast, buffy feather edgings
✓ LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER	08/29/90	No.= 5	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren	IA	dark centers to back feathers, "keeking"
✓ LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER	10/06/90	No.= 59	Runnells Wildlife Area	Marion	IA	"keek"; dark centers to feathers on back
✓ RED-NECKED PHALAROPE	09/04/90	No.= 2	near Huxley	Story	IA	
✓ FRANKLIN'S GULL	09/16/90	No.= 140	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA	



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✓ BONAPARTE'S GULL	11/25/90	No.= 200+	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA	
✓ CALIFORNIA GULL	09/22/90	No.= 1	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA	see documentation
✓ HERRING GULL	08/23/90	No.= 1	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA	adult; pink legs, large size, red spot on bill
✓ GLAUCOUS GULL	11/25/90	No.= 2	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA	both first winter birds; large, all white with light gray feather edgings; bill pink with black tip
✓ BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE	11/10/90	No.= 1	Jester Park	Polk	IA	see documentation
✓ COMMON TERN	09/30/90	No.= 9	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA	all juveniles with distinct carpal bars on wings and narrow black edging to tail
✓ RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD	09/12/90	No.= 7	yard	Warren	IA	peak; this is minimum number; seemed like twenty birds
✓ RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD	09/25/90	No.= 1	yard	Warren	IA	last
✓ NORTHERN FLICKER	09/13/90	No.= 34	n. of Indianola	Warren	IA	in one hayfield
✓ YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER	09/15/90	No.= 1	yard	Warren	IA	"pur-wee"; very yellow
✓ ALDER FLYCATCHER	09/05-09/90	No.= 1	yard	Warren	IA	"fee-bee-o"
✓ LEAST FLYCATCHER	09/08/90	No.= 5	yard	Warren	IA	distinct eye-ring; "che-bek"
✓ GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER	09/24/90	No.= 1	yard	Warren	IA	on late side
✓ SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER	09/26/90	No.= 1	Lovilla	Monroe	IA	adult bird; tail was getting pretty ratty; had been there since 8/3
✓ TREE SWALLOW	10/13/90	No.= 3500	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren/Marion	IA	
✓ BLUE JAY	09/29/90	No.= 50	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA	noisy flock!
✓ RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH	09/29/90	No.= 2	Ledges SP	Boone	IA	
✓ CAROLINA WREN	08/01/90	No.= 1	yard	Warren	IA	new yard bird
✓ WINTER WREN	09/29/90	No.= 1	Ledges SP	Boone	IA	
✓ GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET	09/28/90	No.= 2	yard	Warren	IA	first of fall

✓ GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET	09/29/90	No.= 12	Ledges SP	Boone	IA	
✓ RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET	09/08/90	No.= 1	yard	Warren	IA	first of fall
✓ GRAY CATBIRD	11/03/90	No.= 1	yard	Warren	IA	last
✓ AMERICAN PIPIT	09/29/90	No.= 17	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA	first of fall
✓ AMERICAN PIPIT	09/30/90	No.= 34	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA	
✓ SOLITARY VIREO	09/29/90	No.= 4	Ledges SP	Boone	IA	
✓ WARBLING VIREO	09/08/90	No.= 5	yard	Warren	IA	peak
✓ PHILADELPHIA VIREO	09/01/90	No.= 1	yard	Warren	IA	
PHILADELPHIA VIREO	09/08/90	No.= 2	yard	Warren	IA	
✓ PHILADELPHIA VIREO	09/28/90	No.= 1	yard	Warren	IA	last
✓ RED-EYED VIREO	09/08/90	No.= 7	yard	Warren	IA	peak; good vireo migration
✓ GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER	09/07/90	No.= 1	yard	Warren	IA	
✓ ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER	10/06/90	No.= 5	yard	Warren	IA	peak
✓ NASHVILLE WARBLER	08/27/90	No.= 1	yard	Warren	IA	first of fall
✓ NASHVILLE WARBLER	09/24/90	No.= 5	yard	Warren	IA	peak
✓ CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER	09/08/90	No.= 4	yard	Warren	IA	peak
✓ MAGNOLIA WARBLER	09/01/90	No.= 1	yard	Warren	IA	only one of fall
✓ YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER	10/06/90	No.= 100+	yard	Warren	IA	looked like spring migration on the Texas coast; trees were dripping
✓ BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER	09/02/90	No.= 4	yard	Warren	IA	
✓ BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER	09/10/90	No.= 2	yard	Warren	IA	
✓ PALM WARBLER	09/29/90	No.= 1	Snake Creek Marsh	Greene	IA	only one of fall
✓ BAY-BREASTED WARBLER	09/01-02/90	No.= 4	yard	Warren	IA	
✓ BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER	09/01-02/90	No.= 3	yard	Warren	IA	
✓ VESPER SPARROW	10/03/90	No.= 24	near Bays Branch	Guthrie	IA	feeding in one combined bean field

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✓ LE CONTE'S SPARROW	09/29/90	No.= 18	Snake Creek Marsh	Greene	IA	
✓ SHARP-TAILED SPARROW	09/29/90	No.= 6	Snake Creek Marsh	Greene	IA	dark back; orange head; short tail
✓ LINCOLN'S SPARROW	09/28/90	No.= 2	yard	Warren	IA	first of fall
✓ SWAMP SPARROW	09/29/90	No.= 100+	Snake Creek Marsh	Greene	IA	
✓ WHITE-THROATED SPARROW	09/16/90	No.= 2	yard	Warren	IA	first of fall
✓ WHITE-THROATED SPARROW	09/29/90	No.= 25	Snake Creek Marsh	Greene	IA	
✓ WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW	09/29/90	No.= 2	Snake Creek Marsh	Greene	IA	first of fall
✓ HARRIS' SPARROW	09/29/90	No.= 1	Snake Creek Marsh	Greene	IA	first of fall
✓ DARK-EYED JUNCO	09/25/90	No.= 1	yard	Warren	IA	first of fall