

A. NOTE FROM...

DENNIS CARTER

11/30/90

Carl -

I was glad for
the opportunity to
meet you at Council
Bluffs.

I hope you have
a wonderful holiday
season.

Sincerely,

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Carl J. Bendorf —

My Fall 1990 Field Reports are listed below and include records from Effigy Mounds National Monument (EMNM) and Harpers Ferry in Allamakee County and from Cardinal Marsh and Decorah in Winneshiek County. The exceptional mildness of the November weather was indicated by the sighting of a garter snake at Decorah on 16 Nov and dandelions still in bloom at the end of the period.

✓ Pied-billed Grebe: Peak count was 60 at Cardinal Marsh on 20 Sep.

✓ Double-crested Cormorant: 1 still at Harpers Ferry (Pool 9) on 29 Nov.

✓ American Bittern: 1 at Cardinal Marsh on 20 and 27 Sep and 1 at EMNM on 29 Sep

✓ Green-backed Heron: Last was 1 at EMNM on 29 Sep

✓ Tundra Swan: 500+ at Pool 9, Harpers Ferry on 17 Nov and 110 still there on 29 Nov

✓ Greater White-fronted Goose: 28 over Cardinal Marsh on 19 Oct

✓ Ring-necked Duck: First were 4 at Cardinal Marsh on 19 Oct

✓ Common Goldeneye: 1♂ at Cardinal Marsh on 26 Nov

✓ Osprey: 1 seen along Upper Iowa River at Decorah during Oct, lingered until 1 Nov

✓ Bald Eagle: Seen on most visits to EMNM from 4 Aug (1 Ad.) through the end of the period.

✓ Peregrine Falcon: 1 over Cardinal Marsh on 27 Sep

✓ Sora: 2 at Cardinal Marsh on 5 Oct

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- Ruby-throated Hummingbird: Peak was 3 at EMNM on 15 Sep
- Red-headed Woodpecker: Last was 1 at EMNM on 18 Aug, perhaps due to virtually no hickory and oak mast crop.
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Peak was 3 at EMNM (where they nested) on 18 Aug.
- Tree Swallow: Peak count was 460 at Cardinal Marsh on 20 Sep.
- Cliff Swallow: Peak count was 80 at Cardinal Marsh on 20 Sep.
- Carolina Wren: Seen repeatedly at EMNM from 1 on 4 Aug to 2 on 25 Oct, with a peak count of 3 on 15 Sep.
- Winter Wren: First was 1 at Decorah on 23 Sep, peak was 4 at Decorah on 28 Sep.
- Golden-crowned Kinglet: First and peak count were 20 at Decorah on 26 Sep.
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Peak counts were 12 at Decorah on 23 Sep and 10 at EMNM on 15 Oct.
- Solitary Vireo: 1 at Decorah on 11 Sep.
- Golden-winged Warbler: 1 at Decorah on 11 Sep
- Black-throated Green Warbler: Peak and last were 3 at EMNM on 30 Sep.
- American Redstart: Last was 1 at Decorah on 26 Sep.
- Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 ♂ of the western (spotted) race at Cardinal Marsh on 13 Nov.
- Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 at Decorah on 7 Oct.
- Purple Finch: Peak count was 12 at Cardinal Marsh on 20 Nov.

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