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For the period of
Aug.- Sept.- Oct.- Nov.

Unless I state differently, all sightings are at my home in S.E. Co. Bluffs, Ia.

Snow Goose	Oct. 28 to Nov. 24		Some snow geese overhead all during this period
" "	Nov. 25-26		I have never seen so many snow geese overhead as I have these two days. Cannot estimate. None seen.
Coopers Hawk	Nov. 1 & 27	1	I would not bet my life on this ID but the size and silhouette indicates either Coopers or sharp Shinned. He has perched twice in my neighbors tree but flew before I could get glasses on him
American Kestrel	Nov. 30	1	An American Kestrel came in to my yard last winter and caught sparrows. This is the first time I've seen one in my yard since.
Great Horned Owl	Nov. 22	1	Saw him perched once and flying twice at a farm 10 miles SE of Co. Bluffs near Mills Co line.
Ruby Throated Hummingbird	Aug. 21 to Sept. 21	1 or 2	One or two at my cannas almost daily, but I never saw a male with ruby throat.
Purple Martins	August 13	12-15	My next door neighbor's martins apparently left either yesterday or early this morning.
Northern Robin	Oct. 28		The robins which have been enjoying my birdbath are gone today.
Cedar Waxwings	Sept. 25	5	Drinking at the birdbath, for one day only.
Chestnut Sided Warblers	Sept. 3	5	At Hansen's Park west of Denison, Ia (Crawford Co)
Common Grackles	Oct. 31	35	The grackles that have been emptying my feeders every day have left leaving only 3 behind.
Dark Eyed Junco	Oct. 17	1	First Junco I've seen this fall
" " "	Nov. 22	26	10 miles SE of CB in timber a small flock.
Pine Siskin	Nov. 21 to 27	1 to 5	Maximum of 5 pine siskins one day but I saw them every day during the period.
Chipping Sparrow	Oct. 22	1	A chippy on my back deck. Thought late.
American Tree Sparrow	Nov. 22	6	10 miles SE of CB on farm in the timber (brushy)

August here in SW Iowa was quite dry and hot. We finally got .7" of rain on Aug 21
September was average as to temperature and rainfall
October was cool and wet. Believe it was the third wettest on record.
November was fairly dry and on the average, warmer than normal.

An inch of snow on Nov. 9
A trace of snow Nov. 27

I was visiting friends who have a summer cottage on the south shore of Big Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. on October 4 and I was watching Pied Billed Grebes working along the shore when two other birds swam into the area. Larger than Pied bills, they appeared to be brown, with two white patches on the cheek, one before and one behind the eye. The forehead was sloping, and although the day was overcast and visibility not real good, I thought these birds were either female or im. scoters. Either white wing or Surf Scoters, though no white wing patch was visible. I mention this only because, if someone else reports scoters my sightings might lend some credibility. cs