

Field Reports--fall 1990
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American White Pelican--about 15 were found dead beneath the power lines across the Des Moines River upstream from Saylorville Reservoir (Iowa DNR, also reported in Des Moines newspaper)

ibis species--one at flooded field near Huxley, 6 Sept, (with SJD)--long-legged wading bird, dark brown body, bill long, thin, and decurved, no white around base of bill

Tundra Swan--2 at Little Wall Lake, 25 Nov (with SJD)

White-winged Scoter--two at Little Wall Lake, 25 Nov (with SJD)

Sandhill Crane--three that were seen several times in the Green Island/Goose Lake (Clinton Co.) this summer were seen there in mid August (Steve Nelson fide JJD). Steve is one of my students who worked there this summer. I also talked to the DNR biologists of the area about the birds and got an adequate description.

Red Knot--one in flooded field near Huxley, Story Co., 6 Sept--see documentation

Western Sandpiper--one at Riverton Wildl. Area, 25 August, small sandpiper (=peep), bill fairly long and distinct droop to it, reddish brown tertials distinctly seen on bird; seen by many others on IOU field trip (Bob Cecil, Mark Proescholdt, Armstrongs, etc)

Red-necked Phalarope--3 at flooded field near Huxley, Story Co., 6 Sept

California Gull--one at Saylorville Reservoir, 8 Sep 1990, see documentation

Dickcissel--one female trapped and looked at in the hand near Ames, 23 October (Bret Geisler fide JJD) (Bret has taken ornithology and has had lots of experience with birds over the past year)

Red Crossbill--flock of 30 in pine grove in Ames, 27 Oct 1990