

Dr. James

Birds reported to ^ADinsmore by others (fide reports)

Ross' Goose - 10 seen at DeSoto NWR on 10 Nov by Erv Klaas (Klaas has been studying Snow Geese in western Iowa for 8 years and has seen Ross' there almost every year in recent years)

Prairie Falcon

one seen 1 mi NE of Goose L, Greene Co on 14 Nov by E. M. Martin
one seen 2½ miles NE Lehigh, Webster Co. on 16 Nov by E. M. Martin
one seen 2½ miles E of Moorland, WEBster Co on 24 Nov by E. M. Martin

see attached letter; Martin is a longtime U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biologist originally from Webster Co. He has spent the last two summers working in Saskatchewan where he saw this species almost daily. He also has been a long time active birder. He notes that he saw the flight pattern and the black axillary feathers on each of the birds.

King Rail

one or more was heard at Jemerson Sl, Dickinson Co 9 different mornings from 25 Jul through 9 August by Juli Whitaker. Juli is a recent grad from our program who was taking coursework at Iowa Lakeside Lab this summer and was doing a study of birds on Jemerson Sl. She visited the slough daily from 23 Jul - 9 Aug and listened for birds for 2 hours each day, the rails being heard on 9 of those dates

Northern Harrier

3 were seen at Spring Run Wildlife Area, Dickinson Co on 11 August by Roger Sedlacek

Roger is a student in our department who was working in the area. I quizzed him closely about the birds but he said he saw the white rump patch well. The habitat could hold the birds although I had a grad project going on on this area earlier in the summer and we didn't see any sign of harriers. Where Roger saw the birds is on a different side of the area from where we worked.

Western Kingbird

one reported in Ames on 3 November 1984 by Burt Shephard. Burt is a grad student in our department who is a casual birder, especially watching what he sees in our yard. He reported this bird to me several days after he had seen it. Documentation enclosed. He certainly knows flycatchers and also kingbirds as he taught in my bird study course one spring. The white outer tail feathers he mentioned to me right away along with the fact that it was a kingbird shaped bird with gray back and yellow undersides. My feeling is that the record is good although it is a very late date.