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Iowa Seasonal Report, Summer'90

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Report is mostly for Fairfield, which is in Jefferson Co, Iowa. Weather: a mild summer, with plenty of rain for the first time in several years, and no long very hot spells.

8/1/90
Records: 9

ITEM	COMMON NAME	NUM	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT
1	Cattle Egret ABA90	1	6/24/90	Radiance Dairy, Fairfield, IA	Pasture w cows
	One cattle egret was walking around among the grazing cows. Occasionally it pecked at a cow. It had pinky yellow legs and proximal 2/3 of beak. Rusty on top of head, low on front of neck, and on lower back.				
2	Turkey Vulture	6	7/29/90	Jefferson Co., IA	Rural Area
	Near Turkey Run (which is at southern edge of the county).				
3	Wild Turkey ABA90	2	6/24/90	Fairfield, IA	Rural Area
	In a field near Livingston Timber in Jefferson Co.				
4	Wild Turkey	8	7/7/90	Livingston Tmbr, Fairfield, IA	Roadside
	A big female turkey ran clucking from edge of road up the bank and into brush. When I took two steps closer, 7 small baby turkeys rose up and flew noisily and very awkwardly into the trees and brush.				
5	Killdeer	2	7/22/90	MIU Campus, Fairfield, IA	Gravel
	Adult sitting on 4 eggs in heavily-used parking lot. Despite considerable fame, 2 of the eggs hatched on 29th day after discovery. The 3rd hatched the next day, and adults ceased incubating the remaining egg. However, they came and did their broken-wing display when people looked at the egg for three more days. On 7/31, adults and 3 young still at parking lot.				
6	Loggerhead Shrike	6	7/29/90	Jefferson Co., IA	Rural Area
	Two adults and one immature associating closely on fences by a cornfield near Fairfield. Another pair near Birmingham, and a single adult by Zillman Wildlife area.				
7	Bell's Vireo ABA90	1	6/2/90	Railroad Tracks, Fairfield, IA	Trees
	I heard it along the railroad tracks north of MIU. This is the same place I have found Bell's the last two years.				
8	Lark Sparrow ABA90	2	7/29/90	Jefferson Co., IA	Rural Area
	Two birds in the road, one feeding the other. They both looked like adults.				
9	House Finch	2	6/17/90	MIU Campus, Fairfield, IA	Residential Area
	Pair building nest in pine tree. I saw several nesting pairs of house finches in Fairfield this summer.				