

Fall field reports-1995

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BE=Bery Engebretsen

- ✓ Horned Grebe-two at Big Creek Lake, 19 Nov (with SJD)
- ✓ Western Grebe-6 on Spirit L., 21 Oct (with SJD)
- ✓ American White Pelican-1,000 at Saylorville Res., 26 August (with SJD);
- ✓ 10,000 at Saylorville Res., 10 Sept (with SJD)
- ✓ Least Bittern- 7 at Forney L., 2 August (Carl Priebe, fide WRS)
- ✓ Snowy Egret-one immature at Union Slough NWR, 20 Sept (small all-white egret, legs and feet yellow to yellow-green, feet appeared somewhat more yellow than legs, bill dark, long, thin, and dagger-like, some yellow in lores region), this is a near record late date
- ✓ Yellow-crowned Night Heron-1 immature (long legs, subdued colors and spotting), Green Island W.A., 9 Sept (JJD, SJD, HZ)
- ✓ White Ibis-one immature, quick flyover at Coralville Res, 9 Sept (JJD, SJD, HZ) Typical ibis flight profile-fast wingbeat, decurved bill, long legs dangling behind. Got quick view of bi-colored wings-dark outer portions and light wing linings.
- ✓ Ross' Goose-one at Saylorville Reservoir, 19 Nov (with SJD, BE, et al.)
- ✓ Oldsquaw-one adult male (white head, long tail, etc), Hallet's Quarry on north edge of Ames, 31 Oct, 1 Nov; one at Saylorville Reservoir on 24 Nov (with SJD)
- ✓ Surf Scoter-one immature/female, Hallet's Quarry on north edge of Ames, 30 Oct
- ✓ White-winged Scoter-two at Saylorville Reservoir, 19 Nov (with SJD, BE, et al.); one still there on 24 Nov (with SJD)
- ✓ Bufflehead-100 at Big Creek Lake, 19 Nov (with SJD)

- ✓ Mississippi Kite-adult and downy young, in Windsor Heights, 9 August
- ✓ Merlin-one chasing shorebirds at Goose L., 8 Sept (JJD, SJD, HZ)
- ✓ Gray Partridge-two 3 miles east of Rockwell City, Calhoun Co. on 21 Oct (with SJD)
- ✓ Common Moorhen-ad and young at Forney L., 2 August (Carl Priebe fide WRS)
- ✓ adults and young-Green Island W.A., 9 Sept (JJD, SJD, HZ);
- ✓ several birds-Goose L, Clinton Co., 9 Sept (JJD, SJD, HZ)
- ✓ Sandhill Crane-2 adults and full-sized young, Goose L., Clinton Co. 8 Sept (JJD, SJD, HZ); 2 adults at Green Island W.A., 9 Sept (JJD, SJD, HZ)
- ✓ Black-bellied Plover-1 at Sandpiper Beach, 8 August (with SJD)
- ✓ Ruddy Turnstone-2 at Coralville W.A., 8 Sept (JJD, SJD, HZ)
- ✓ Sanderling-1 at Sandpiper Beach, 8 August (with SJD)
- ✓ Buff-breasted Sandpiper-1 at Sandpiper Beach and 3 off of Jester Park, Saylorville Reservoir, 8 August (with SJD)
- ✓ Franklin's Gull-one in full breeding plumage (black head, etc) at Saylorville Reservoir, 24 Nov (with SJD)
- ✓ Herring Gull-1 at Sandpiper Beach, 8 August (with SJD)
- ✓ Glaucous Gull-one at Saylorville Res 19 Nov (with SJD, BE, et al.); one at Saylorville Reservoir, 24 Nov (with SJD)
- ✓ Black-legged Kittiwake-one at Saylorville Res., 19 Nov (with SJD, BE, et al)
- ✓ American Crow-1,040 counted entering roosting area on ISU Campus, 3 Sept (JJD); 3,500 counted entering roosting area on ISU campus, 22 October (JJD)

- ✓ Red-breasted Nuthatch-1 near Ames, 20 August, Jim Pease; first of many reports
- ✓ Carolina Wren-one singing (distinct tee-kettle call) near my house in Ames, 25, 26, 27 October (JJD). A neighbor a few blocks away, George Brown has been seeing one off and on in his yard since August. George does some birding, grew up in Virginia, and knows a Carolina Wren. The wren spent the night in our garage on 6-7 November, there nightly until 15 Nov.
- ✓ Northern Mockingbird-one seen ne of town of Goose Lake in Clinton Co. on 9 Sept, (JJD, SJD, HZ)
- ✓ Blue-winged Warbler-one male at Stephens State Forest, Lucas Co., 16 Sept (with SJD, Jim Sinclair)
- ✓ Canada Warbler-2 at White Pine Hollow, 10 August (Molly Havlik fide JJD). These were probably birds that had summered there; birds were reported there in summer field reports.
- ✓ Scarlet Tanager-one at Stephens State Forest, Lucas Co., 16 Sept (with SJD, JSinclair)