

Field Report of Bird sightings. Fall, 1995  
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Species	Num	Date	Location/Notes
✓ Common loon	1	9 Sept.	In basic plumage. Racoon River Park, West Des Moines.
	1	12 Sept.	"
✓ A. White Pelican	42	6 Sept.	Over city of Des Moines
D.c. Cormorant	30	3 Sept.	Over Big Creek S.P.
	✓250+	24 Sept.	Off of Campground #4, Jester Park
Osprey	✓1	3 Sept.	Fly-by in Des Moines
	1	3 Sept.	Fly-by at Big Creek S.P.
	3	15 Sept.	Fly-by in Des Moines
Mississippi Kite	I saw kites numerous times throughout the summer, as documented in an article and field notes I have sent to Jim Dinsmore. I saw 6 distinct kites over the course of the summer in Des Moines--3 adults, 1 sub-adult, and 2 immatures. Last sighting was on 13 ✓ Sept.		
✓ Broad-winged Hawk	1	26 Aug.	Des Moines
	2	27 Aug.	Des Moines
	1	29 Aug.	Des Moines
	1	30 Aug.	Des Moines
	3	3 Sept.	Des Moines
	1 imm,		
	2 ad.	4 Sept.	Des Moines
	1 imm	10 Sept.	Des Moines
	2	11 Sept.	Des Moines
	2	14 Sept.	Des Moines
	2	15 Sept.	Des Moines
✓ Harlan's Hawk	1	14 Nov.	Along I-80, near Atlantic. This bird was perched in a tree along the interstate. Approaching from the rear/side, it was a large, very dark raptor, with no visible white mottling on the back (as I often notice on "drive-by" red-taileds). As I drove by and got a look at the front of the bird, it was typical red-tailed size, but all dark in front as well, with the exception of a very distinct white band high on the breast.,
✓ Franklin's Gull	3	24 Sept.	Jester Park
✓ Ring-billed Gull	24	24 Sept.	Jester Park

✓ Sabine's Gull	1	6 Sept.	Terra Lake, Johnston
	1	7 Sept.	"
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	Regular feeder visitor starting late Oct.	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	3	24 Oct.	Greenwood Park, D.M.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	24 Oct.	Greenwood Park, D.M.
Eastern Bluebird	4	18 Nov.	Lake Ahquabi S.P.
✓ Northern Shrike	1	11 Nov.	Sandpiper access drive, Saylorville Reservoir. Mask over eyes did not extend over the beak; beak had noticeable hook. Other observers: Denny Thompson, Bery Engebretsen.
Ovenbird	1	13 Sept.	Des Moines
Pine Siskin	4	8 Nov.	Des Moines; seen almost daily since then, some days a dozen or more Pine siskins in the backyard.