

Spring field reports-1995
Jim Dinsmore

- ✓ Red-throated Loon--1 (maybe 3) at Little Wall Lake, 23 April (documentation) - *John Paulin*
- ✓ Ibis species-one at Black Hawk Marsh, 1 May (Mike Mahn)
- ✓ White-faced Ibis--5 at Harrier Marsh, 5 May (Laura Myers, Scott Peterson-IDNR, dark body, decurved bill, broad white band around base of bill)
- ✓ American Wigeon-pair on Harrier Marsh, 16 May (SJD, JJD)
- ✓ Canvasback-one male at Anderson L, 16 May (SJD, JJD)
- ✓ Common Goldeneye-one female at Anderson L, 16 May (SJD, JJD)
- ✓ Bufflehead--two at Anderson L, 16 May (SJD, JJD)
- ✓ Red-breasted Merganser-one at Big Wall Lake, 16 May (SJD, JJD)
- ✓ three at Black Hawk L dredge pond, 21 May (JJD)
- ✓ Gray Partridge--2 near Goose L., Greene Co., 22 April (JJD)
- ✓ one near Elm L., Wright Co. 16 May (SJD, JJD)
- ✓ Sharp-tailed Grouse--69 were released by Iowa DNR in northern Monona County in March (info from Ed Weiner, IaDNR)
- ✓ Virginia Rail--1 at Deweys Pasture, Clay Co., 22 April (heard well, JJD)
- ✓ Sandhill Crane--2 near Otter Creek M, Tama Co. on 17 March (Scott Patton fide JJD)
- ✓ one still at Forney Lake in mid May (info from Carl Priebe, IaDNR)
- ✓ Caspian Tern-74 at Elm Lake, Wright Co. 16 May (SJD, JJD)
- ✓ Short-eared Owl-nest near Titonka, seen on 12 May (Barry Christenson-Union Sl. NWR)
- ✓ American Crow--roost at Ames had dwindled to about 150 birds, 7 April (JJD)

- ✓ Great-tailed Grackle-one male at Bob Pyle Marsh, Story Co. on 25, 30 March (with Steve Dinsmore on 25th). Large blackbird with very long tail, much larger than Common Grackles.
- ✓ One male at Black Hawk M., Sac Co., 1 May (info from Mike Mahn, IaDNR)
- ✓ several at Harrier Marsh, 5 May (Laura Myers)
- ✓ 1 on west edge of Ames, Laura Myers (5 May); 1 male seen thereon 14 May (SJD, JJD)
- ✓ 1 at Voas Area, Dallas Co., 30 April (Steve Fairburn)
- ✓ 23 (17 M, 6 F) at Finn Pond, Greene Co., 16 May (SJD, JJD)
- ✓ at least 10 females bringing food to young in nests, Finn Pond, 19 May (JJD)
- ✓ 1 male at Dunbar Sl., 16 May (SJD, JJD)
- ✓ 1 male at Goose L., Greene Co., 21 May (JJD)

Note on Loon - John is a good competent student. Someone reported a RT Loon on birdline at the same time but I never learned who it was. I went up to Little Wood Lake as soon as I heard about birds (a few days after John saw it) but couldn't find it.