

Seasonal Summary

Common Loons were apparent on all of the larger lakes. Waterfowl numbers seemed good although many ducks were in inaccessible places. Two Black Terns in Van Buren County were early. 104 species were recorded on 29 April on the IOU field trip to southeast Iowa. Cool and damp weather seemed to affect passerine migration in the yard. The first major push of warblers and other neotropical migrants did not occur until 6 May, although an Orange-crowned Warbler was very early. Other earlier than normal arrivals included House Wren and Lark Sparrow. Sparrow numbers were about average in mid-April.

Species	Date	Number	Location	County	Comment
✓ American White Pelican	3/18/95	20	Ottumwa	Wapello	first of spring
✓ Cattle Egret	5/26/95	17	south of Des Moines	Warren	feeding in fields; two locations in northern part of county
✓ Green Heron	4/22/95	1	Cone Marsh	Louisa	first of spring
✓ Cinnamon Teal	3/30/95	1	near Swan	Warren	
✓ Common Eider	3/26/95	1	Jester Park	Polk	not well seen but profile looked like the Red Rock bird; possibly same bird?
✓ Northern Goshawk	3/11/95	1	near Stephen's SF	Lucas	stovepipe fly-by
✓ Red-shouldered Hawk	3/11/95	1	near Liberty Center	Warren	perched near small stream
✓ Merlin	3/15/95	1	yard	Warren	came over pines and through yard late afternoon; strong, fast flight; dark
✓ Black-bellied Plover	5/21/95	1	Black Hawk Lake	Sac	
✓ Semipalmated Plover	4/22/95	1	Mark Twain NWR	Louisa	first of spring
✓ Greater Yellowlegs	3/30/95	1	Red Rock Res.	Marion	first of spring
✓ Lesser Yellowlegs	3/26/95	2		Polk	first of spring
✓ Lesser Yellowlegs	3/30/95	4	Red Rock Res.	Marion	
✓ Willet	5/21/95	1	Black Hawk Lake	Sac	
✓ Pectoral Sandpiper	3/25/95	9	Red Rock Res.	Marion	
✓ Black Tern	4/29/95	2	Lake Seguma	Van Buren	early
✓ Short-eared Owl	3/30/95	1	south of Carlisle	Warren	
✓ Fish Crow	4/22/95	1	Mark Twain NWR	Louisa	heard; 2 smallish crows seen; see documentation
✓ House Wren	4/19/95	1	yard	Warren	first; about a week earlier than usual
✓ Marsh Wren	4/22/95	2	Mark Twain NWR	Louisa	first of spring
✓ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4/15/95	1	yard	Warren	first of spring
✓ Warbling Vireo	5/6/95	1	yard	Warren	first of spring

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✓ Orange-crowned Warbler	4/15/95	1	yard	Warren	first of spring; early; fairly yellow below with faint streaking; drab above; came within ten feet when I pished
✓ Lark Sparrow	4/19/95	1	yard	Warren	early; singing from same branch as last year's; joined by others 4 days later
✓ Le Conte's Sparrow	4/22/95	1	Mark Twain NWR	Louisa	
✓ Fox Sparrow	3/18/95	2	Fairfield	Jefferson	first of spring
✓ Rusty Blackbird	3/19/95	6	yard	Warren	
✓ Rusty Blackbird	4/8/95	4	Hawkeye WA	Johnson	

Gray Partridge	4/22/95	1		Fremont	observed by Steve Matherly, Houston, TX (see attached)
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