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1	✓ Horned Grebe Three with breeding-plumage faces (golden ear tufts up high, unlike eared grebe's, black cheeks) but breast not yet chestnut but still mostly white. Birds rode less high in water and had more sloping rear end than accompanying Eared. Five were in basic plumage, with bright white cheek & throat, and with narrow black stripe down back of neck.	8	3/19/95	Cone Marsh, Louisa Co., IA	Marsh
2	✓ Eared Grebe One in full breeding plumage with black throat and chest, golden fan on cheek, black peak on head. Riding rather boyantly on the water like a ball.	1	3/19/95	Cone Marsh, Louisa Co., IA	Marsh
3	✓ American White Pelican First	34	3/19/95	Cone Marsh, Louisa Co., IA	Marsh
4	✓ Double-crested Cormorant Flying overhead in a vee.	60	4/16/95	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Flyover
5	Great Blue Heron First of spring	1	3/25/95	Rural area, Jefferson Co., IA	Farmland
6	✓ Greater White-fronted Goose This multiplies by 6 the total number of white-fronted geese I have seen in Eastern Iowa.	5	3/19/95	Cone Marsh, Louisa Co., IA	Marsh
7	✓ Snow Goose First this spring	200	3/10/95	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Overhead
8	✓ Green-winged Teal Only ones I saw this spring.	2	3/19/95	Cone Marsh, Louisa Co., IA	Marsh
9	✓ Gadwall	2	3/19/95	Cone Marsh, Louisa Co., IA	Marsh
10	✓ American Wigeon	4	3/19/95	Cone Marsh, Louisa Co., IA	Marsh

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11	✓ Bufflehead 2 males and a female.	3	3/19/95	Cone Marsh, Louisa Co., IA	Marsh
12	✓ Turkey Vulture First	1	3/25/95	Rural area, Jefferson Co., IA	Farmland
13	✓ Bald Eagle Some doing maneuvers in the air, turning upside down under each other. Both immatures and adults were present.	12	3/19/95	Cone Marsh, Louisa Co., IA	Marsh
14	✓ Northern Harrier Immature (cinnamon breast). First I saw this year.	1	3/2/95	Rural area, Jefferson Co., IA	Farmland
15	✓ Northern Harrier Female or immature	1	3/19/95	Cone Marsh, Louisa Co., IA	Marsh
16	✓ Rough-legged Hawk I didn't see many this winter, so I'm putting this one in, though I guess there is really nothing very remarkable about it. He was a great hit with the birders, hunting over the marsh.	1	3/19/95	Cone Marsh, Louisa Co., IA	Marsh
17	✓ Wild Turkey Heard it gobbling	1	5/12/95	Glasgow Acres, Fairfield, IA	
18	✓ American Coot First of spring	1	3/14/95	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Lake
19	✓ Pectoral Sandpiper First	1	3/19/95	Cone Marsh, Louisa Co., IA	Marsh shallows
20	✓ Common Nighthawk After dark, suddenly we heard several of them calling in the sky. I have not seen or heard them previously this year. This is a few days late for my first sighting of the year.	5	5/9/95	Overhead, Fairfield, IA	Residential area

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21	✓ Chimney Swift First. Ties my earliest date for Fairfield.	2	4/14/95	In town, Fairfield, IA	Overhead
22	✓ Belted Kingfisher First of spring	1	3/14/95	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Lake
23	Northern Flicker First	2	3/26/95	Rural area, Fairfield, IA	Trees
24	✓ Eastern Wood-Pewee I heard it, my first one this year. This is a typical first date for Chautauqua Park.	1	5/8/95	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees
25	✓ Eastern Phoebe First	1	3/25/95	Lamson Woods, Fairfield, IA	Bridge
26	Great Crested Flycatcher First of spring		5/10/95	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees
27	✓ Eastern Kingbird A quite late first date for Fairfield	1	5/12/95	Rural area, Fairfield, IA	Roadside
28	✓ Tree Swallow First	20	4/16/95	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Wires
29	✓ Golden-crowned Kinglet First	1	3/26/95	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Residential area
30	✓ Ruby-crowned Kinglet first	1	4/10/95	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Trees

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31	✓ Swainson's Thrush First of the spring.	1	5/6/95	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Residential area
32	✓ Hermit Thrush Therese Cummisky (Jefferson Co. naturalist) and I took the Fairfield Christian School birding along a wooded trail. We didn't see much, at 3 in the afternoon, but we did see a Hermit Thrush, with its olive back and rusty tail. (Several kids said "Oooh.")	1	5/3/95	Jefferson Co. Park, Fairfield, IA	Forest edge
33	American Robin Robins have been around, but this morning was the first time I heard one sing this spring. The day the snowdrops bloomed.	1	3/14/95	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Residential area
34	✓ Gray Catbird A late first for the year	1	5/14/95	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
35	✓ Brown Thrasher First	1	4/16/95	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Roadside
36	Solitary Vireo First	1	5/6/95	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees
37	✓ Philadelphia Vireo Gee, in my yard! Supercilium not bordered by black; dark spot in front of eye. Pale yellow throat. Singing rather like a Red-eyed.	1	5/11/95	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Residential area
38	✓ Red-eyed Vireo First	1	5/6/95	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees
39	✓ Tennessee Warbler First I saw this spring. Late.	1	5/6/95	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Residential Area
40	Nashville Warbler My first this year, a little late.	1	5/11/95	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Residential area

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41	Northern Parula Male in trees where the road crosses the stone bridge at Ely Ford	1	5/7/95	Lacey Keosauqua, Van Buren Co., IA	Trees
42	Yellow Warbler First	1	5/14/95	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
43	Chestnut-sided Warbler First of spring	1	5/14/95	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
44	Magnolia Warbler First		5/14/95	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
45	Cape May Warbler A beautiful male with rusty cheek on yellow face, slim streaks on flanks.	1	5/6/95	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees
46	Blackburnian Warbler Finally, a blackburnian this spring	1	5/14/95	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
47	Yellow-throated Warbler In trees where the road crosses the stone bridge at Ely Ford.	1	5/7/95	Lacey Keosauqua, Van Buren Co., IA	Trees
48	Palm Warbler First.	1	5/14/95	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
49	Blackpoll Warbler Male. He was working on the pendulous blossoms of the still-leafless oaks. I was struck by the bright orange feet, metaphorically, that is.	1	5/14/95	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
50	Cerulean Warbler Singing loudly where the road crosses the stone bridge at Ely Ford	2	5/7/95	Lacey Keosauqua, Van Buren Co., IA	Trees

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51	American Redstart Orange sherbet and licorice. First of spring	1	5/14/95	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
52	Prothonotary Warbler Catching mayflies in a snag over the water at the stone bridge where the stream enters the Des Moines River at Ely Ford.	1	5/7/95	Lacey Keosauqua, Van Buren Co., IA	Trees
53	Wilson's Warbler First of spring, and I saw three, at different parts of the park.	3	5/14/95	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
54	Summer Tanager One male at the campground	1	5/7/95	Lacey Keosauqua, Van Buren Co., IA	Trees
55	Scarlet Tanager A male.	1	5/19/95	Iowa Township Park, Washington Co., IA	near Riverside
56	Indigo Bunting Male and female wove a ribbon of chase through the understory. First for the year.	2	5/14/95	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
57	Rufous-sided Towhee First of the spring, and my earliest date for Fairfield.	1	4/7/95	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Residential area
58	Fox Sparrow First this spring	2	3/14/95	Devi Nagar, Fairfield, IA	Rural area
59	White-crowned Sparrow At my feeder. First this year, and first one I've seen in Jefferson County for 4 years.	1	5/9/95	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Residential area
60	Northern Oriole First I saw this spring.	2	5/7/95	Lacey Keosauqua, Van Buren Co., IA	Trees