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Fall 1999

Species	#	Date	Location
✓ Red-throated Loon	2	Nov 12	Saylorville
✓ Pacific Loon	1 imm	Oct 31	Little River Lake, Decatur Co.
✓ Horned Grebe	20	Nov 7	Red Rock
✓	6	Nov 22	Red Rock
✓ Western Grebe	1	Sept. 9	Dunbar Slough
✓	2	Oct 30	Red Rock
✓ Least Bittern	1	Aug 12	Otter Creek Marsh
✓ Black Scoter	2 ad ♀, 1 imm	Oct 30	Red Rock
✓ Golden Eagle	1 imm	Nov 7	Marion Co
✓ Peregrine Falcon	✓ 2 ad	Sept 12	Pinchy Bottoms, Marion
	✓ 1	Sept 20	Runnells W.A.
	1 imm	Sept 20	Pinchy
	1 imm	Sept 22	Pinchy
	1 imm	Sept 23	Pinchy
	✓ 1	Sept 23	Red Rock
	1 ad	Sept 25	Grammer Grove W.A.
	✓ 1 ad, 1 imm	Sept 26	Runnells
	✓ 2	Sept 26	Pinchy
Black-bellied Plover	✓ 6	Sept 22	Pinchy
	✓ 20	Sept 12	Pinchy (Mahaska)
✓	1	Nov 7	Muskunkin Marsh
✓ Am. Golden Plover	119	Sept 22	Pinchy
American Avocet	✓ 8	Aug 16	Hawkeye W.A.
	✓ 6	Sept 7	Jester, Saylorville
	✓ 1	Sept 20, 23	Runnells
✓ Marbled Godwit	1	Sept 16, 21	Jester, Saylorville
Ruddy Turnstone	✓ 5	Aug 16	Hawkeye W.A.
	✓ 2	Sept 8	Runnells

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✓ Sanderling	21	Sept 21	Jester, Saylorville
✓ Dunlin	5	Nov 15	Runnells
✓ Least Sandpiper	1	Nov 7	Muskunkley Marsh
✓ Baird's Sandpiper	8	Sept 12	Runnells
✓ Buff-breasted Sand.	3	Aug 16	Hawkeye W.A.
	1	Sept 8	Boxcars, Red Rock W.A.
	✓ 1	Sept 22	Jester, Saylorville
Wilson's Phalarope	✓ 1	Aug 20	Runnells
	2	Aug 23	Runnells
	✓ 2	Sept 8	Pinchy
	✓ 1 injured leg	Sept 20, 23	Runnells
Red-necked Phalarope	1 (2?)	Aug 15, 29	Runnells
	✓ 4	Sept 12	Runnells
	✓ 1	Sept 12	Pinchy
	1	Sept 13	Runnells
	✓ 1	Sept 22	Jester, Saylorville
	✓ 6	Sept 25	Jester, Saylorville
✓ Franklin's Gull	1 basic ad.	Nov 12	Jester, Saylorville
✓ Caspian Tern	70	Sept 8	Red Rock
✓ Common Tern	✓ 1 imm	Sept 14	Jester, Saylorville
	1 basic ad	Oct 10	Spirit Lake
✓ Long-eared Owl	6	Nov 22	Red Rock marina
✓ Pileated Woodpecker	1	Oct ?	Sedan Bottoms, Appanoose
✓ Eastern Phoebe	1	Oct 24	Red Rock
✓ Northern Shrike	1	Nov 20	Red Rock
✓ Carolina Wren	1	Aug 20	Saylorville
✓ Northern Mockingbird	1	Aug 13	Wayne Co.
✓ Brown Thrasher	1	Nov 19	Grommer Grove W.A.

Species	#	Date	Location
✓ Blue-winged Warbler	2	Aug 18	Shimek - Croton
✓ "Brewster's" Warbler	1	Aug 18	" "
✓ Chestnut-sided Warbler	1	Aug 18	" "
✓ Black-and-white Warbler	1 ♂	Aug 5 (singing)	Stephen's S.F.
✓ Cerulean Warbler	1 ♂	Aug 18	Shimek - Croton
✓ Worm-eating Warbler	3	Aug 18	" "
✓ Summer Tanager	1 ♂	Aug 18	" "
✓ LeConte's Sparrow	3	Nov 25	Wayne Co.

Red-throated Loons - basic plumage

On Nov 12, 1999 I located two loons off Lakeview Rec. Area, Saylorville Res. They were clearly traveling together - they were never more than 10 ft apart during the half hour that I observed them. I Ided them as Red-throated based on:

- small, thin bills
- no distinctive neck pattern; the white of the throat and the dark color of the nape gradually blended together showing no clear vertical line as in Pacific nor the irregular zig-zag pattern of a Common
- small size; at one point a Common Loon was side by side with them. They were approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ the size of the Common and much more delicately built.

Pacific Loon - immature

On Oct 31, 1999 I found a juvenile Pacific Loon at Little River Lake, Decatur County. I think that most of the important field marks can be seen in the photo.

- very ~~prominent~~ prominent vertical division of white and dark on the neck, pale nape
- white cheeks / ear coverts
- thin chin strap
- bill not very large
- juvenile by pale edges on back feathers
- nape paler than back and crown

Golden Eagle

- imm.
- white patches at base of primaries
- white band at base of tail
- small head, dihedral flying posture

Common Tern

- imm. - dark carpal bar
- thick dark patch behind eyes wrapping around back of head
- adult - IDed by thick dark trailing edge of wingtip undersides
- dark outer edge of tail

Marbled Godwit

- long, upturned, bi-colored bill
- buffy color

Brewster's Warbler →

- like a male Blue-winged Warbler except that on the breast, the color changed from yellow to white, on down to the tail
- the back was more grayish than the yellow of a Blue-wing
- had the black lores and white wing bars of a Blue-wing
- this bird was in the flock with 2 Blue-winged Warblers allowing comparison