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FIELD REPORT -- IOWA, SUMMER 2001

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Species	No.	Date	Location	Remark
Pacific Loon, <i>basic*</i>	1	18 June-4 July	Private property south of Iowa City	*See separate documentation.
Double-crest. Cormor., NESTS	39	26 June	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	
Cattle Egret	6	15 June	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	
Cattle Egret	33	10 July	Forney Lake, Fremont Co.	
Cattle Egret	1	26 July	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	
Least Bittern	1	10 July	Forney Lake, Fremont Co.	
Black-Crown. Night-Heron	2	10 July	Forney Lake, Fremont Co.	
Greater White-Front. Goose	1	10 July	Secret Lake, Fremont Co.	
Greater White-Front. Goose	1	10 July	Forney Lake, Fremont Co.	
Snow Goose, <i>white & blue</i>	2	10 July	Forney Lake, Fremont Co.	
Snow Goose, <i>blue</i>	1	10-11 July	MidAmer. Energy ponds, Pott. Co.	
Northern Pintail, <i>male</i>	1	21 June	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	Potential 1st summer record for Johnson Co. ¹
Green-wing. Teal, <i>male/fem.</i>	2	15 July	Otter Creek Marsh, Tama Co.	Potential 1st summer record for Tama Co. ²
Canvasback	1	20 July	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	
Ring-necked Duck, <i>male</i>	1	1 June*-22 July	Private property south of Iowa City	*Since 21 May
Lesser Scaup, <i>male</i>	1	1 June*-29 July	Private property south of Iowa City	*Since 21 May
Hooded Merg., <i>juv. or fem.</i>	2	1 July	Private property south of Iowa City	
Common Merg., <i>basic male*</i>	1	10-11 July	MidAmer. Energy ponds, Pott. Co.	

*Merganser with reddish brown head, shaggier crest than Hooded, clean white throat patch, mainly clean division between upper reddish-brown collar area and white lower neck; neck and center of breast white, sides of breast and flanks more washed with gray; gray uppers with visible white wing patch of two sections, one square, one rectangular; bill usually appeared brown, but lower mandible revealed orange at certain angles as bird preened; bill was clearly proportionately longer than Hooded's, profile from forehead through base of bill less steep than Red-breasted; base of bill stouter, not thin like Red-breasted. Close range, lengthy looks as bird mainly loafed on shore both days.

¹According to *Birds in Iowa* and field reports in *Iowa Bird Life*, 1997-2000.

²Ibid.

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Ruddy Duck, <i>alt. male</i>	1	18 July	Private property south of Iowa City	
Osprey	1	8 June	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	
Osprey	1	20 July	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	
Northern Bobwhite	1	10 July	Fremont Co.	Heard
Northern Bobwhite	2	11 July	Mahaska Co.	Seen
Northern Bobwhite	1	29 July	Hawkeye W.A., Johnson Co.	Heard
Sandhill Crane	3	15 July	Otter Creek Marsh, Tama Co.	
Semipalmated Plover	1	15 July	Otter Creek Marsh, Tama Co.	First southbound
American Avocet	1	20-29 July	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	
Lesser Yellowlegs	2	3 June	Hawkeye W.A., Johnson Co.	Last northbound
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	21 June	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	First southbound
Greater Yellowlegs	1	10 July	Secret Lake, Fremont Co.	First southbound
Willet (<i>molt?</i>)*	2	15 June	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	Direction?

*Large gray sandpipers; straight bill somewhat less than dowitcher's in length; distinctly mottled breast and sides but with quite plain gray uppers; signature black-and-white wing pattern glimpsed in part while preening.

Ruddy Turnstone	1	3 June	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	Last northbound
Semipalmated Sandpiper	2	8 June	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	Last northbound
Semipalmated Sandpiper*	1	16 June	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	Direction?

*Peep clearly smaller than adjacent White-rumped; straighter, stouter, less-pointed bill; primaries did not extend past tail tip; legs not seen adequately. This bird about one mile from 8 June sighting (Babcock Access vs. west of Sand Point).

Least Sandpiper*	4	26 June	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	Potential tie, 3rd earliest southbound
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*Peeps with no extension of primaries past tail; yellowish-green legs; thinner, pointier, slightly more curved bill than Semipalmated; very dark brown, plain uppers; heavy brown streaking at breast and especially shoulders; familiar call on lifting several times.

Least Sandpiper	31	29 June	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	
White-rumped Sandpiper, <i>alt.</i>	18	16 June	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	
White-rumped Sandpiper, <i>alt.*</i>	1	22 June	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	Last northbound?

*Lone peep, primary tips extended past tail, breast solidly spotted with fine spots, spots continuing in thin line along flanks, black bill. Same area as 16 June sighting.

Pectoral Sandpiper	1	16 June	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	Direction?
Pectoral Sandpiper	1	10 July	Secret Lake, Fremont Co.	First southbound
Stilt Sandpiper	1	10 July	Secret Lake, Fremont Co.	First southbound

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Wilson's Phalarope, <i>alt. fem.</i>	1	16 June	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	Direction?
Franklin's Gull, <i>basic</i>	1	15-21 June	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	
Caspian Tern, <i>breed. adult</i>	3	21 June	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	
Caspian Tern, <i>breed. adult</i>	1	10 July	MidAmer. Energy ponds, Pott. Co.	
Forster's Tern, <i>breed. adult</i>	1	16 June	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	
Forster's Tern, <i>breed & wint.</i>	2	21 June	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	
Forster's Tern, <i>breed. adult</i>	6	22 July	Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co.	
Least Tern, <i>breed. adult</i>	2	10 July	MidAmer. Energy ponds, Pott. Co.	
Chuck-will's-widow	1	10 July	Fremont Co.	Heard
Purple Martin	30-35 ³	1 July		SW Johnson County
Yellow-breasted Chat	4*	7 June	Cairo Woods W.A., Louisa Co.	*Four disparate areas
Yellow-breasted Chat	1	10 June	Red Bird Farms, Johnson Co.	
Yellow-breasted Chat	1	1 July	Kent Park, Johnson Co.	

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³Martin house on Amish homestead. The owner told us that in the process of checking the house, which could be lowered on a pulley and was accidentally dropped down by a younger child (the pole had a safety catch for such an event), eleven nests with forty eggs were counted. We observed several young in the nest box openings which I have added to the presumed twenty-two adults associated with the eleven nests to get the total I've reported. With much coming and going it was difficult to discern our own exact number of birds. The owner also told us that for two weeks starting in mid-August 2000 there was a post-breeding concentration perching on power lines across the street of about 400 [*sic*] martins.