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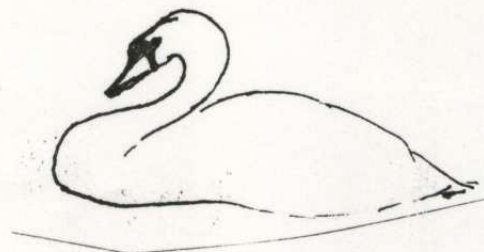
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ITEM	COMMON NAME	NUM	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT
1	Double-crested Cormorant First I've seen this year.	2	4/29/91	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Fly Over
2	Green-backed Heron First I've seen this year.	1	4/27/91	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Stream
3	Mute Swan The bills are dirty flesh colored; they appear outlined in black. One bird has a black knob at base of upper mandible. Its bill is slightly darker than the all-white individual's. Bills are held in down-pointing position.	2	3/30/91	Johnston, Polk Co., IA	
4	Greater Scaup Two male scaups: a lesser and a greater. Greater was very slightly larger; head was round, not peaked; side whiter, with sharper upper edge to white, which was higher on the side at front end. Bill slightly broader at tip, more curved up at tip in profile, deeper at base. Head color varied in the changing light from black to green; lesser's, from brown to purple.	1	4/17/91	Jefferson Co., IA	Pond
5	Greater Scaup Still a lesser and a greater scaup on this same pond off H33 southwest of Fairfield.	1	4/21/91	Jefferson Co., IA	Pond
6	Bufflehead I counted 64 in one sweep of my scope over the little lake. There must have been others out of the field of view or underwater.	64	3/30/91	Polk Co., Johnston, IA	Pond
7	Hooded Merganser Male and female at small pond west of Walton Lake. First I saw this spring.	2	3/18/91	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Lake
8	Common Merganser This number is a guess. There were vast quantities.	1000	3/15/91	Red Rock Reservoir, Marion Co., IA	Lake
9	Turkey Vulture First this year.	1	3/19/91	Rural Area, Fairfield, IA	Fly Over
10	Osprey Fishing over the marsh near dense woods	1	5/18/91	Sweet Marsh, Bremer Co., IA	Marsh



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11	Red-shouldered Hawk Long tail. Wings longer than broad-winged hawk's. Tail dark with several (at least 4, maybe 7) white bands. Underwings checkered. Very pale or translucent patch at base of primaries.	1	5/19/91	Sweet Marsh, Bremer Co., IA	Fly Over
12	Sora Heard from the dike.	1	5/18/91	Sweet Marsh, Bremer Co., IA	Marsh
13	Killdeer First	3	3/4/91	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Roadside
14	Spotted Sandpiper In alternate plumage. Spots on breast, distinct white supercilium.	1	4/23/91	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Shore
15	Thayer's Gull (first winter) See accompanying documentation	2	3/15/91	Red Rock Reservoir, Marion Co., IA	River
16	Iceland Gull (first winter) See accompanying documentation.	1	3/15/91	Red Rock Reservoir, Marion Co., IA	River
17	Black Tern I don't know whether these are unusual in this part of Iowa or not.	1	5/18/91	Sweet Marsh, Bremer Co., IA	Marsh
18	Black-billed Cuckoo First heard	1	5/16/91	Glasgow Acres, Fairfield, IA	Brush
19	Yellow-billed Cuckoo First I heard this spring.	1	5/21/91	Glasgow Acres, Fairfield, IA	Deep Woods
20	✓ Long-eared Owl In red cedars 4 m. s. of Fairfield. Smaller and thinner than Great Horned, with narrow, close-together ear tufts. Long tail white with 7 thin black bars. Underparts white with long stripes and fainter bars, giving cross-hatch look. Facial disks buffy orange on outer halves, grey & white inner halves, with long black vertical line through each eye dividing each disk in half.		3/6/91	Glasgow Acres, Fairfield, IA	Red Cedars

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21	Common Nighthawk ✓ First I saw this year	1	5/6/91	Glasgow Acres, Fairfield, IA	Fly Over
22	✓ Chimney Swift First I saw this spring, and I was watching for them every day. (1990 Fairfield first was 4/21.)	3	4/20/91	Waterworks Pk, Fairfield, IA	Fly Over
23	✓ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	4/17/91	Jefferson Co. Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
24	✓ Olive-sided Flycatcher Also saw one the next day, 5/19/91 at River Park Bible Conference in Cedar Falls	1	5/18/91	Sweet Marsh, Bremer Co., IA	Edge Woods
25	✓ Eastern Wood-Pewee First I saw or heard this year. I believe they were not here till today, or I would have heard them.	1	5/8/91	Waterworks Pk, Fairfield, IA	Trees
26	✓ Willow Flycatcher First this year. I didn't check this place the last few days and may have missed arrival date, but this is still earlier than last couple of years.	1	5/13/91	Railroad Tracks, Fairfield, IA	Rural Area
27	✓ Great Crested Flycatcher First I saw this spring. In dense woods.	1	5/5/91	Waterworks Pk, Fairfield, IA	Woods
28	Eastern Kingbird First I've seen this year, and they're all over the place this morning. I usually see them much sooner in spring. These or I am late.	6	5/13/91	Walton Lake & east, Fairfield, IA	Rural Area
29	✓ Horned Lark - ALBINO A normal horned lark sang on the ground with a bird of same size, shape, bill, posture, and behavior, but all white except for a grey band on upper breast same place as black band on normal HL, but narrower. It was dusk, so I could not make out the "horns." The albino was working in bare dirt in corral with horses. Seen again 4/22/91.	1	4/8/91	Hamiltons' Farm, Fairfield, IA	Open Farmland
30	✓ Northern Rough-winged Swallow First I saw this year.	2	4/18/91	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Pond



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31	Bank Swallow Band around upper breast	3	5/18/91	Sweet Marsh, Bremer Co., IA	Marsh
32	Red-breasted Nuthatch Late?	1	5/8/91	Waterworks Pk, Fairfield, IA	Trees
33	Brown Creeper First I saw this year.	1	4/4/91	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Trees
34	Golden-crowned Kinglet First I saw this year.	4	4/4/91	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Trees
35	Ruby-crowned Kinglet First	1	4/5/91	Glasgow Acres, Fairfield, IA	Rural Area
36	Ruby-crowned Kinglet Still abundant.	10	5/8/91	Waterworks Pk, Fairfield, IA	Woods
37	✓ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher First I've seen this year. Still present on 5/4/91.	2	4/28/91	Glasgow Acres, Fairfield, IA	Woods
38	Eastern Bluebird I watched both of the pair visit box. Then female brought beakful of nesting straw. When I went and looked, I discovered that had been the very start of the nest. One egg on 4/30; two on 5/1; three on 5/2; four warm eggs on 5/4. Ruined by sparrows 3 days later.	2	4/24/91	Glasgow Acres, Fairfield, IA	Rural Area
39	Gray-cheeked Thrush Almost no eye ring; grey, not buffy, cheek; almost no buffy tone on breast. First I saw this spring.	1	5/5/91	Waterworks Pk, Fairfield, IA	Woods
40	Gray-cheeked Thrush Grey cheek, no buffy on cheek and very little on spotted upper breast; no eye ring, or only a bit of white behind eye. Calling a loud note of similar quality (though not tune) of eastern pewee. Hearing it, I wanted to make it a yellow-bellied flycatcher, but when I saw it, it was big and spot-breasted. This was two of these in Fairfield on the same day.	1	5/5/91	My Back Yard, Fairfield, IA	Woods

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41	Swainson's Thrush First I've seen this year.	1	4/29/91	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Railroad Tracks
42	Swainson's Thrush Buffy cheek and upper breast; conspicuous buffy eyering.	1	5/5/91	Waterworks Pk, Fairfield, IA	Woods
43	Wood Thrush First I heard this year	1	5/7/91	Witham Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods
44	Gray Catbird First I've seen this year.	1	4/27/91	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	
45	Brown Thrasher First this year	1	4/3/91	Glasgow Acres, Fairfield, IA	Trees
46	Bell's Vireo First. Heard 2 along old Rock Island Line easement, where they've been the last two years.	2	5/13/91	Railroad Tracks, Fairfield, IA	Rural Area
47	Solitary Vireo First I've seen this spring	1	5/4/91	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Trees
48	Yellow-throated Vireo First I heard or saw this spring.	1	4/26/91	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Trees
49	J Philadelphia Vireo Yellowish underparts. Bit of black eyeline, mostly in front. Whitish supercilium. No black line above supercilium.	1	5/19/91	Cedar Falls, Black Hawk Co., IA	Cemetery
50	Tennessee Warbler First I saw this year	2	5/8/91	B St. Culvert, Fairfield, IA	Trees

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51	Nashville Warbler First I saw this spring.	2	5/4/91	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Trees
52	Nashville Warbler Maximum?	5	5/5/91	Waterworks Pk, Fairfield, IA	Woods
53	Nashville Warbler For the last week, Nashville warblers have been by far the most abundant warbler everywhere I've been. Today, I saw only one or two, and the Tennessee is suddly the Everywhere Warbler.	1	5/9/91	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Trees
54	Yellow Warbler First I saw this spring. East of Walton Lake, down that dirt road, where some willows grow along a little stream.	1	4/30/91	Fairfield, IA	Stream
55	Chestnut-sided Warbler First I saw this year	1	5/9/91	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Trees
56	Magnolia Warbler First I've seen this spring	1	5/4/91	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Trees
57	✓ Cape May Warbler A male Cape May, discovered by Bob Cecil, hung out all day in one conifer tree. It had a reddish cheek (not as bright as shown in Geographic guide), outlined in yellow triangle. Yellowish below with streaks.	1	5/19/91	Cedar Falls, Black Hawk Co., IA	Cemetery
58	Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler	2	4/17/91	Jefferson Co. Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
59	Yellow-rumped Warbler Last?	1	5/5/91	Waterworks Pk, Fairfield, IA	Woods
60	Black-throated Green Warbler I saw only about two of these all spring.	1	5/19/91	Cedar Falls, Black Hawk Co., IA	Cemetery



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61	Blackburnian Warbler First I saw this spring. High in tops of oaks.	2	5/5/91	Waterworks Pk, Fairfield, IA	Woods
62	✓ Yellow-throated Warbler First I've ever seen in Jefferson County. It was high in tall oak trees. Singing.	1	5/14/91	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Trees
63	Palm Warbler First I saw this spring. In trees over small stream.	1	5/4/91	Glasgow Acres, Fairfield, IA	Stream
64	Palm Warbler		5/8/91	Waterworks Pk, Fairfield, IA	Trees
65	Bay-breasted Warbler First I saw in Fairfield this year, and first I saw anywhere ever. A male. He stayed (for the 5 seconds he was in view) on large limbs of oak tree about 2/3 of the way to the top of the tree. Chestnut throat, flanks, and crown.	1	5/9/91	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Trees
66	Blackpoll Warbler First I saw this year.	1	5/14/91	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Trees
67	Black-and-white Warbler First I saw this year	2	5/8/91	B St. Culvert, Fairfield, IA	Trees
68	American Redstart First I saw this spring	2	5/11/91	Glasgow Acres, Fairfield, IA	Rural Area
69	✓ Northern Waterthrush This ought to have been a Northern, passing through. The throat was striped and the eyestripe buffy. Howsemever, the eyestripe did seem to widen behind the eye. Go figure.	1	4/27/91	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Railroad Tracks
70	Northern Waterthrush This is a nice messy place, where the stream goes under the gravel road and a lot of trees grow all around. I've seen lots of good birds here through the years, including prothonotary warbler. However, I think B Street is about to be "improved."	1	5/8/91	B St. Culvert, Fairfield, IA	Riparian

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71	Wilson's Warbler First I saw this year	2	5/8/91	B St. Culvert, Fairfield, IA	Trees
72	Scarlet Tanager (female) First I saw this spring.	1	5/5/91	Waterworks Pk, Fairfield, IA	Woods
73	Northern Cardinal Cardinals' nest so placed that contents can be examined: two larger eggs, one smaller and rounder (cowbird's); but the small egg has the same coloration and marking as ONE of the larger eggs, while the other large egg does not much resemble either of the other two.		4/30/91	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Trees
74	Rose-breasted Grosbeak First I saw this spring.	1	4/27/91	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Trees
75	Indigo Bunting First I saw this year	2	5/7/91	Witham Woods, Fairfield, IA	Trees
76	Rufous-sided Towhee First this year. I heard it for a long time but never saw it. ( Finally saw male and female on 5/4.)	1	4/21/91	Glasgow Acres, Fairfield, IA	Trees
77	Field Sparrow First this year. I usually hear them a little earlier and believe they're late this year.	1	4/4/91	Glasgow Acres, Fairfield, IA	Rural Area
78	Savannah Sparrow Jefferson County - First I saw this year.	3	4/18/91	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Roadside
79	Fox Sparrow First I saw this year. The bird came out of a cedar thicket in response to pishing.	1	3/19/91	Glasgow Acres, Fairfield, IA	Brush
80	White-throated Sparrow Maximum	40	5/9/91	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Trees



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82	Dark-eyed Junco Last I saw	2	4/17/91	Jefferson Co. Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
83	Eastern Meadowlark First. Singing.	1	3/14/91	Fairfield, IA	Roadside
84	Western Meadowlark Singing in same field with Easterns. First I heard this year.	1	3/14/91	Fairfield, IA	Open Farmland
85	✓ Yellow-headed Blackbird Jennifer Hamilton, on a farm one mile south of Fairfield, looked up and saw one fly eight feet above her head.	1	4/28/91	Hamilton's, Fairfield, IA	Rural Area
86	Rusty Blackbird	12	3/30/91	Little Wall Lake, Hamilton Co., IA	Shore
87	Northern Oriole First I've seen this year.	1	4/28/91	Glasgow Acres, Fairfield, IA	Woods
88	✓ Purple Finch Two females eating tree buds. Last I saw this spring.	2	5/4/91	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Trees
89	Purple Finch (females) Eating buds of trees	2	5/4/91	Chautauqua Pk, Fairfield, IA	Trees