

FIELD REPORTS:

August 1 through November 30, 1999

FROM:

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NOTE: In the "OBSERVERS" column, if there is an * after the name, this designates the person who FIRST made the observation.

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVERS
✓ Brown Pelican	1	29 Sept.	Polk Co. - off Campsite #4 at Jester Park	P & R Allen
NOTE: This was the last date that we saw the bird at this location and am including this note only for that purpose. I'm assuming it has been documented by many other individuals.				
✓ Mute Swan	5	26 Oct.	Polk Co. - Easter Lake S.P.	P & R Allen
✓ Surf Scoter	2	3 Oct.	Polk Co. - Gray's Lake	Phil Walsh* Aaron Brees P & R Allen
NOTE: I asked Phil Walsh when he called to tell us how he knew these birds were Surf Scoters and he replied, "well, the male is still in breeding plumage!" So the identification was pretty easy!				
	3	16 Oct.	Adair Co. - Meadow Lake S.P.	P & R Allen
✓ Peregrine Falcon	1	8 Oct.	Pocahontas Co. - Sunken Island Lake	P & R Allen
✓ Gray Partridge	17	7 Aug.	Winnebago Co. - 1 mi. east of R34 & 1 mi. south of A 42	P & R Allen
✓ American Avocet	1	29 Aug.	Kossuth Co. - Union Slough N.W.R.	P & R Allen
	1	8 Oct.	Palo Alto Co. - Virgin Lake S.P.	P & R Allen
NOTE: Reid is getting a duplicate slide made of a great picture of this bird cooperatively feeding with a Yellowlegs (can't remember which one). Anyway, we're going to send it to Jim Dinsmore for possible use in Iowa Bird Life .				
✓ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1	29 Aug.	Kossuth Co. - Union Slough N.W.R.	P & R Allen
✓ Red-necked Phalarope	4	28 Aug.	Greene Co. - Dunbar Slough	P & R Allen
Details: These birds were all in winter plumage with the long, thin bills, black eye curving stripes and scaling pattern in the backs intersected by two "striping" lines which ran lengthwise on the wings.				
✓ Black-headed Gull	1	8 Oct.	Dickinson Co. - Spirit Lake S.P.	P & R Allen
NOTE: Enclosed is one picture, taken by Reid of this bird. He is having another excellent picture of the bird in flight duplicated and we will be sending it to you early next week.				

- ✓ **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** 1 29 Aug. Kossuth Co. - on western edge of Ambrose L. Call S.P. P & R Allen
- ✓ **Bank Swallow** 625 8 Aug. Marion Co. - 1/2 mi. west of 60th on Adkins St. P & R Allen
NOTE: This report is included because in this large flock of Bank Swallows was only one (1) Cliff Swallow and three (3) Tree Swallows.
- ✓ **American Redstart** 1 8 Aug. Polk Co. - 1601 Pleasant St., WDM P & R Allen
NOTE: First fall migrating warbler in our yard.
- ✓ **Common Yellowthroat** 1 20 Nov. Polk Co. - 1601 Pleasant St., WDM P & R Allen
through 25 Nov.
NOTE: Wonder how many other reports of late migrating warblers you'll receive.
- ✓ **Dickcissel** 1 7 Nov. Polk Co. - 1601 Pleasant St., WDM Reid Allen
- Spotted Towhee** 1 10 Oct. Boone Co. - Karl Jungbluth residence just south of Boone P & R Allen
- ✓ **Chipping Sparrow** 1 23 Nov. Polk Co. - 1601 Pleasant St., WDM Pam Allen
NOTE: Was surprised to see this sparrow since we've been seeing American Tree Sparrows in the yard much earlier. Anyway, no center dot on this bird's breast and it still had a bright white eye stripe.
- ✓ **Henslow's Sparrow** 1 8 Aug. Marion Co. - Walnut Ridge N.W. R. P & R Allen
1 21 Aug. Monroe Co. - East side of 500th Ave., P & R Allen
.6 mi. north of Hwy. 30
NOTE: These birds were both singing. Will be anxious to read if there have been many reported sightings of these birds this fall. When we reported the sighting to a staff person at the Walnut Ridge N.W.R., he said someone on the staff had been studying about 8 singing males this spring in the same location but they weren't telling many people about them being there. Why?
- ✓ **White-throated Sparrow** 1 21 Sept. Polk Co. - 1601 Pleasant St., WDM P & R Allen
- ✓ **Dark-eyed Junco** 1 7 Oct. Polk Co. - 1601 Pleasant St., WDM P & R Allen
- ✓ **Common Redpoll** 2 2 Nov. Polk Co. - 1601 Pleasant St., WDM P & R Allen
1 3 Nov. Polk Co. - 1601 Pleasant St., WDM P & R Allen

ADDENDUM:

ALSO ENCLOSED ARE ^{FOUR} ~~THREE~~ SLIDES TAKEN BY REID ALLEN ON DECEMBER 2, 1999 OF THE YELLOW-BILLED LOON WHICH WAS PRESENT ON DECEMBER 2, 1999 AT LITTLE WALL LAKE IN HAMILTON COUNTY.