

Allen

June 2, 1991

Carl Bendorf
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RE: Field Reports - Spring 1991

Dear Carl:

Enclosed are our Field Reports for March 1 through May 31, 1991. Hope you can figure out all the "scribbles."

We heard about all the good "birds" that were seen at the Spring I.O.U. convention and were sorry to have missed being in attendance.

Sincerely,



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FIELD REPORTS

March 1 through May 31, 1991

FROM:

Pam and Reid Allen (P & R Allen)
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OTHER OBSERVERS:

Eloise & Eugene Armstrong (E & E Arm.)
Booneville, IA

Bery Engebretson (B. Engeb.)
Des Moines, IA

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
Horned Grebe	1	15 March	Badger Creek S.P.	P & R Allen
Eared Grebe (NOTE: was in breeding plumage with black neck, breast and back)	1	5 May	Lakin Slough, north end	P & R Allen
Double Crested Cormorant	1	31 March	Runnells Wildlife Area	P & R Allen
American Bittern (NOTE: flew up right in front of us and you could see dark brown outer wing markings and brown-streaked back)	1	5 May	Lakin Slough, north end	P & R Allen
Snowy Egret (NOTE: this was an Iowa life bird for us and Reid spotted it standing in the Raccoon River about 1/2 mile away. The bright yellow feet on this white egret looked "fake." We raced to Eloise and Eugene Armstrong's and brought them back so they could see it, which they did)	1	14 May	2.4 mi. E. of I-35 on Co. F-90	P & R Allen
Cattle Egret	3 10	11 May 21 May	Long Pond near Lakin Slough Moeckly Prairie	P & R Allen P & R Allen
Green-backed Heron	1	4 May	Saylorville Res., Sandpiper	P & R Allen
Black-crowned Night Heron	1	27 May	Lakin Slough, middle area	P & R Allen
Cinnamon Teal	1	7 March	Riverton Wildlife Refuge	P & R Allen E & E Arm.
Hooded Merganser (NOTE: was in breeding plumage with "hood" raised)	1	4 March	Badger Creek S.P.	P & R Allen

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVERS
Osprey	1	14 April	Bay's Branch	P & R Allen
Swainson's Hawk	1	6 May	1 mi. N. of Moeckly Prairie	P & R Allen
Peregrine Falcon	1	6 May	1 mi. N. of Moeckly Prairie	Bery Engeb.* P & R Allen
Lesser-Golden Plover	83	27 May	6.5 mi. W. of Hwy 4 on Co. E-57	P & R Allen
(NOTE: all were in breeding plumage except for 1 bird)				
Upland Sandpiper	1	27 May	3 mi. N. & 1 mi. W. of Bayard on Co. E-63	P & R Allen
White-rumped Sandpiper	4	4 May	1 mi. N. of Moeckly Prairie	P & R Allen
(NOTE: had white rumps when flying)				
American Woodcock	2	24 March	Lake Anita State Park	P & R Allen
Common Snipe	7	13 April	Moeckly Prairie	P & R Allen
Wilson's Phalarope	9	4 May	Moeckly Prairie	P & R Allen
Lesser-Black-backed Gull	1	31 March	Runnells Wildlife Area	P & R Allen
(NOTE: breeding adult with yellow legs, red spot on bill, 1/3 larger than ring-billed gulls it was sitting with; white underparts; black wingtips. I believe first observation was made by Dennis Thompson earlier in day)				
Alder Flycatcher	1	19 May	Brenton Slough	R Allen*; P Allen
(NOTE: observed as it was singing "re-BEE-a")				
Eastern Kingbird	1	28 April	Big Creek State Park	P & R Allen
Brown Creeper	1	30 March	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	P Allen
Carolina Wren	1	5 April	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	P & R Allen
Wood Thrush	1	4 May	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	P & R Allen
Northern Mockingbird	1	21 May	Badger Creek State Park	P & R Allen
(NOTE: this bird was first observed by Eugene Armstrong on 20 May)				

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Black-throated Green Warbler	1	2 May	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	P Allen
Hooded Warbler	1	13 May	Croton Unit; Shimek Forest	P & R Allen
(NOTE: this bird was located quite deep in the woods and was singing its "the Reg., the Reg., the Register" song--our description; I do not believe this bird was found again in this area)				
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	3 May	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	P & R Allen
Blue Grosbeak	1	15 May	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	P Allen
(NOTE: I observed this female for about 2 minutes, from a distance of about 45', before it flew out of the yard. It was a warm brownish bird with a huge bill, shaped like a cardinal's bill; dark eye; light belly with warm brown breast; the size of the bird being about the same size as a Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Its tail was rounded/scalloped and it gave a few loud "chip" calls)				
Rufous-sided Towhee (NOTE: Western Race)	1	3 May	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	R Allen
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	4 May	1 mi. W. & N. of Grimes	P & R Allen
	1	7 May	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	P Allen
(NOTE: Grimes bird: sitting in road and calling its "insect-like" buzzing call; 1601 bird: in with flock of Chipping Sparrows and again calling)				
Lark Sparrow	1	13 May	Lacey-Keosaqua State Park	P & R Allen
Fox Sparrow	2	11 March	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	P & R Allen
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1	14 April	Lakin Slough, north end	P & R Allen
Great-tailed Grackle	1	11 May	Lakin Slough, middle area	R Allen*; P Allen
	2	19 May	Lakin Slough, middle area	P & R Allen
(NOTE: the two observed on 19 May were a pair; the male was displaying and chasing the female)				
Pine Siskin	1	1-14 May	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	P & R Allen