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Field reports, spring 1991 Jim Dinsmore all JJD unless otherwise noted

- ✓ Green-backed Heron-one in ISU campus, 6 April, Vance Polton (an undergrad student here), Vance has had ornithology and gave me a reasonable description-bright legs, green back, copper head, etc)
- ✓ Cinnamon Teal-one male (with a female teal but no way to tell if it was Cinnamon or Blue-winged) at Colo Ponds, 14 April (see documentation)
- ✓ Oldsquaw-one on 3 March at Red Rock Res., seen by Dick Schmitz, a grad student here with lots of birding experience (see documentation)
- ✓ Thayer's Gull-one at Red Rock Dam on 14 March (with Steve Dinsmore); at least this is my estimate of what the bird was, see documentation
- ✓ Western Kingbird-one seen two miles SW of Prairie City (on new Walnut Creek Natl. Wildl. Refuge site) on 27 May, bird on wire with Eastern Kingbird, gray back, yellow belly and white chin all noted
- ✓ White-eyed Vireo-one in Ames on 11 May; this is the only one I know of that has been seen locally and certainly the first I have seen in Story County; heard the bird first and then saw it, noted eye ring, lores stripe, and wing bars
- ✓ Mourning Warbler - a male found dead on ISU campus by Mike Lillie, 9 May, in ISU collection, a bit early
- ✓ Clay-colored Sparrow-one heard distinctly on 24 April in Ames; bird was with a flock of Chipping Sparrows, in a city park, never did see the bird but heard its distinct nasal buzz a number of times; I have heard this bird numerous times in Iowa and North Dakota
- ✓ Yellow-headed Blackbird-1 male seen near Ames on 21 March by Bret Geisler, a former student in my department; Bret saw bird flying low over him and noted black body, yellow head, and white wing patches
- ✓ House Finch-this species is now common to abundant in Ames; I have had a number of calls from people with nests or birds at their feeders; a nest in my yard fledged two young in mid May
- ✓ Pine Siskin-a number were evident on ISU campus until about mid April and then I stopped hearing them

Jim