

IOU FIELD REPORTS FORM

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General Notes: Weather in NW Iowa was extremely dry throughout the entire reporting period, with NO significant rainfall since mid-July (less than 1/2 inch total from August through November). All but largest wetlands and lakes dried up by early November. Mudflats provided good migration habitat for shorebirds and gulls; few waterfowl migrating into area at all; warbler migration extended by warm fall weather. Fair-good food supply (weed and wild plant seed) going into winter.

<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Notes</u>
✓ Great Egret	33	9/8	At Welch Lake WPA, Dickinson County. This was largest single concentration, but birds were very abundant on fall migration.
Bald Eagle	--	Nov.	Commonly seen at Waterman Prairie WMA, along Waterman Creek & Little Sioux River, O'Brien County. This is now a minor wintering area and potential nesting area for these birds.
✓ Black-bellied Plover	7	9/8	In migration near Ocheyedon, Osceola County.
✓ Black-headed Gull	1	11/9	Winter adult on N. end of Big Spirit Lake.
Red-Bellied Woodpecker	--	Aug.-Nov.	Appear to be on increase in wooded areas and towns across NW Iowa.
✓ Loggerhead Shrike	1	8/10	Near Lebanon, Sioux County
Northern Shrike	1	11/17	At junction of Rock and Big Sioux Rivers, Sioux County
✓ Red-breasted Nuthatch	--	Oct.-Nov.	Observed and reported as abundant at feeders all over NW Iowa. Appears to be another very large irruption.
✓ Grasshopper Sparrow	--	8/12	Abundant at Waterman Prairie WMA, O'Brien County.