

Contributor: Ray CumminsOther Observers: Ron Harms - Ron Reese ^{12/31/71}Season: Fall 204 M.W 12354Wallace JardineYear: 1981 Pocahontas 50574

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENTS - OTHER OBSERVERS
✓ EARED GREBE	1	8-29-81	PICKERAL Lake ██████████ - Pocahontas County
✓ GREAT Blue Heron	1	11-30-81	WEST FORK Des Moines R. - Pocahontas County
✓ Black Duck	1	11-7-81	(Shot) Rush LAKE - Palo Alto County
✓ Oldsquaw	1	11-28-81	(Shot) FDS Ron Reese & Wallace Jardine PICKERAL Lake - Pocahontas County
Greater Scaup	—	—	COMMENT: THE WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST FOR Pocahontas told me that OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS 1 out of 20 Scaup he collected the gizzards from WAS A greater.
Kriderii Redtail	1	10-11	Fide - Dick Bieman - Shorty Brewer Cherokee County
✓ Swainson's Hawk	1	8-17	O'Brien Co. (Ron Harms) (Photo FDS RC)
✓ Sharp-shinned Hawk	4	10-11	Cherokee County
Killdeer	1	11-21	late for N.W. Iowa W. Fork Des Moines River - Pocahontas County
✓ Franklin's Gulls	300	10-31	Trumbull Lake - Clay County (high)
✓ Solitary Sandpiper	1	9-26	LOST ISLAND - Clay County
✓ Lesser Golden Plover	20	10-4	Pocahontas County
✓ Caspian TERN	2	9-26	Lost Island - Clay County
✓ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	7	8-29	Rush Lake - Palo Alto County (high)
Belted Kingfisher	2	11-30	W. Fork Des Moines River
Yellow bellied Sapsucker	2	10-4	Pocahontas County
Tree Swallow	2	10-11	Cherokee County

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENTS - OTHER OBSERVERS
✓ Tufted Titmouse	2	11-28	Raccoon River - Guthrie County
✓ Northern Mockingbird	1	11-20	Laurens, Iowa (First sighting Pocahontas County) Ron Harms (Feeder). F105 (Ray Cummins) (Wallace Jardine)
✓ Winter Wren	1	10-4	Pocahontas County (First sighting Pocahontas C.)
✓ Sedge Wren	5	9-26	Ruthven Area - Clay County
✓ Marsh Wren	2	11-21	Rush Lake Palo Alto County
EASTERN Bluebird	8	10-10	Pocahontas County - (First sighting Pocahontas C.)
✓ Golden-Crowned Kinglet	8	11-15	Pocahontas, Iowa
✓ Loggerheaded Shrike	1	8-15	Pocahontas, Iowa
✓ Solitary Vireo	1	10-10	Pilot Creek, Pocahontas County
✓ Black + White Warbler	54	8-29	Rush Lake, Palo Alto County (High)
✓ Canada Warbler	1	8-14	Laurens Window Kill (Ron Harms) early
✓ Canada Warbler	8	8-29	Rush Lake, Palo Alto C. (High)
Golden-winged Warbler	1	9-4	Hickory Hills City Park - Iowa City, Iowa
✓ Connecticut Warbler	1	8-30	Bradgate Conservation Area, Humboldt C.
✓ Evening Grosbeak	1	11-7	Pocahontas Iowa - Feeder (1) (Female) (early)
Purple Finch	2	10-10	Pilot Creek - Pocahontas, Iowa (early)
✓ Pine Siskin	8	10-11	Cherokee C. (early)
✓ Grasshopper Sparrow	1	10-4	Pocahontas County
✓ LeConte's Sparrow	1	10-10	Pocahontas County

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species _____ 2. Number 1

3. Location North of Davenport, Iowa

4. Date: 9-6-81 5. Time Bird Seen: 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM
2:00 PM 2:30 PM

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

Size and shape of a least sandpiper. The definite white stripe on each side of the back ending in a near V was what drew my attention to the bird. The bird showed no trace of brown except on the last two or three scapulars. The head had a rather definite white eyebrow line, with a thick black eyeline from bill to eye only. The bill was thin, straight, and grayish black. The legs were greenish. The breast was streaked only lightly and not clear across.

7. Description of voice, if heard:

8. Description of behavior: solitary and not feeding as others sandpipers

9. Habitat - ^{in group:} general: wet freshly cut alfalfa field

specific:

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:
Least Sandpiper - an out of sink least is a poss. likely, but the definite white back stripes, lack of brown, and greenish rather than greenish-yellow legs, plus behavior indicate a similar but different species.

11. Distance (how measured)? 10yds est. 12. Optical equipment: 20x spotting scope

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):

Excellent

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

Have seen least regularly in spring and fall - had studied three in excellent light one week earlier.

15. Other observers:

MANY

16. Did the others agree with your identification? _____

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

NONE

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

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Date: 9-7-81 City, State: Pocahontas, Iowa