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FIELD REPORT—IOWA, SUMMER 2002
Jay Gilliam, 1004 Meadow Drive, Norwalk, IA 50211

Species	No.	Date	Location	Remarks
Amer. White Pelican	3	20-July	Mississippi River Lock 11; Dubuque Co.	
Great Egret	1	2-June	Warren Co. wetland SE of Cumming	
Little Blue Heron	1	3-June	Warren Co. wetland SE of Cumming	Adult, basic plumage ** Larger than nearby Green Heron but smaller than nearby Great Blue Heron (~2 feet tall); dark blue-gray overall coloring; dark legs/feet; blue-gray bill with black tip; no shaggy neck plumes; slowly feeding in shallow water.
Green Heron	3-5	1-June thru 31-July	Warren Co. wetland SE of Cumming	Observed several times Juveniles present mid-July
Black-crowned Night Heron	1	19-July	Cone Marsh, Louisa Co.	
Snow Goose	1	26-June	Shetler ponds below Saylorville Dam	Blue morph adult
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	1	1-June thru 10-June	Warren Co. wetland SE of Cumming	Escaped, banded bird ** Digital photos included with this report; tall duck with long, bluish-gray legs; dark bill; rusty-orange color on breast, belly, sides of head & neck; darker brown on the back; whitish patch on throat; dark stripe on top of head that continues down back of neck; white feathers below wings on flanks; white rump band (upper/undertail coverts) visible in flight; flew with head, neck, and legs dangling downward; had thin red legband on left leg.
Ruddy Duck	1	17-June	Terra Lake, Johnston, Polk Co.	Male; breeding plumage
Cooper's Hawk	1	5-July	Warren Co. wetland SE of Cumming	Juvenile
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	4-July	Warren Co. wetland SE of Cumming	
Spotted Sandpiper	7	17-July	Warren Co. wetland SE of Cumming	3 juveniles
Semipalm. Sandpiper	22	4-June	Warren Co. wetland SE of Cumming	
Wh.-rumped Sandpiper	11	3-June	Warren Co. wetland SE of Cumming	
Pectoral Sandpiper	1	2-June	Warren Co. wetland SE of Cumming	
Short-billed Dowitcher	1	7-July	Warren Co. wetland SE of Cumming	** Whitish belly; reddish chest; faint eyestripe; "sewing-machine"-type feeding in the mud.

Fulvous Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*)
Warren County wetland SE of Cumming, IA
June 01-10, 2002



***Images taken by Kent Nickell**

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Black-billed Cuckoo	1	16-June	near Warren Co. wetland SE of Cumming	** Did not locate it but heard 3-note "cu-cu-cu" over and over; in proximity to Yellow-billed nest (below).
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	2	1-June thru 31-July	in willow clump near Warren Co. wetland SE of Cumming	Had nest in willow clump
Willow Flycatcher	2	2-June thru 22-July	in willow clump near Warren Co. wetland SE of Cumming	Had nest in willow clump ** Observed on several occasions; sung "fitz-bew" often; responded to pishing.
Bell's Vireo	1	29-June	in shrubs along private dirt road south of Cumming, Warren Co.	Heard and observed
Lark Sparrow	3	5-July	in hedgerow along private dirt road south of Cumming, Warren Co.	2 juvs. begging from adult
Lark Sparrow	2	16-July	Terra Lake, Johnston, Polk Co.	Juveniles
Grasshopper Sparrow	14	5-July	grasslands near Warren Co. wetland SE of Cumming	** Located two nests on ground with 8 hatchlings + 3 pairs of adults; couldn't find the third nest.
Orchard Oriole	1	5-July	near Warren Co. wetland SE of Cumming	Male