

Mute Swan
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NW, Marshall Co., IA
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DOCUMENTATION

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REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 51:115
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VOTE: 1 II, 5 III, 1 V

III, Only question is how wild is wild. I feel free flying birds must be considered wild.

V, Escaped, flying Mute Swans are not uncommon, though most are clipped.

III, Knobbed orange bill diagnostic of adult. I can believe these birds are stragglers from the Great Lakes.

REVOTE at meeting of 8 May 1982: no change

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Phyllis Harris, Garnita Seward,
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SEASON: Fall

YEAR: 1981

WEATHER/HABITAT: describe any unusual features at bottom of page

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
Eared Grebe	1	Sept 15, Sept 20	Whitten lagoon, southeast Hardin Co. - other observers - MP, PH, GS, RS
Mute Swan	1	Sept 11 - Sept 25 reported earlier by caretaker	Gravel pit in n.w. Marshall Co. - seen by all but MP - obviously wild because caretaker at gravel pit noted it was missing some days between our observations. Told from whistling swan by long S- curve in neck, knobbed orange bill - obviously of the "park variety" & unmistakably a mute swan seen by all but MP
Northern Phalarope	2	Sept 15 to Sept 20	observed at both Whitten & Union lagoons, s.e. Hardin Co. seen 6 days - Sept 15, 20, 22, 24, 25, 29 by all observers but RN - distinctly northern phalarope, not Wilson's, determined by its phalarope patch through eye, streaked back & strong wing pattern in flight Some observations at close range
Caspian tern	1	Sept 19	gravel pit in n.w. Marshall Co. - seen by PH & GS
late Goldfinch nesting		Sept 1 - Sept 11 - Sept 22 - Sept 25 - Sept 29 -	goldfinch building goldfinch on nest Sept 11 (GS & RS) - on Sept 22, well-feathered nestlings in nest (BP, PH, GS, RS), & Sept 25 ready to fledge on the 29th
Water pipit	4	Sept 22	Union lagoon, s.e. Hardin Co. BP, RS