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Dear Tom,

Thanks for the tip on the thrasher. I will try to summarize my fall records up through today. If I get anything else of significance, I will send it on later. Again it was a season with little field time.

Common Loon one at Little Wall L, Hamilton Co 16 Nov

- ✓ Horned Grebe two at Little Wall L, 16 Nov
- ✓ Western Grebe - Erwin Klaas of my department reported seeing one at DeSoto NWR on 2 Oct
- ✓ Little Blue Heron one immature was seen at the Colyn WMA in Lucas Co on 13 August and 8 Sept by Bill Rybarczyk, a former grad student in our department who now works for Iowa Conserv. Comm.
- ✓ Cattle Egret - one seen at Colyn WMA in last week of August by Jack Coffey also of ICC
- ✓ Least Bittern - one was found freshly shot at Goose L, Greene Co on 24 Sep 1980 by Bill Clark of our department
- ✓ Brant one was reported shot at DeSoto NWR on 2 Nov. Both the students whose documentations I have enclosed have taken ornithology from me and presumably know what a brant looks like. The refuge person who saw the bird (Dean Knauer) also is an ISU wildlife graduate and he certainly must be familiar with blue phase Snow Geese and small races of Canada Geese, the two birds that are most likely to be confused for a brant. I will send his documentation on when he sends it to me. Incidentally, the bird was shot on the Iowa side of the refuge.
- Red-tailed Hawk - a good number (about 12) were seen in the DeSoto NWR - Onawa area of Iowa on 25 October
- ✓ Rough-legged Hawk one at DeSoto NWR and another at Onawa on 25 Oct were my earliest this fall
- ✓ Ring-billed Gull - about 100 seen along the road near Clear Lake on 2 Nov, seemingly feeding on plowed fields and rather late for an "inland" location
- ✓ Short-eared Owl - one in NW Story Co on 16 November
- ✓ Barn Swallow several still at Onawa on 25 October

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- ✓ Eastern Bluebird about 30 near Lucas, Lucas Co and 20 more on upper reaches of Rathbun Reservoir near Chariton on 4 October by Mark Ryan, a student of mine
- ✓ Snow Bunting 2 seen at Kelley (S of Ames) on 27 October by Ken Wiggers, a faculty member here at Iowa State who knows birds quite well  
(This was the day of the heavy Oct snowfall)

Best,

Jim

The bibliography I mentioned is:

A bibliography of the water, shore and game birds of Iowa  
Work Project Administration, 1940

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I retyped the documentation forms so they could be copied  
(complete with misspellings). Have enclosed the originals  
with them.