

Dunlin
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Snyder's Bend, Woodbury Co., IA
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DOCUMENTATION

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REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 68:60
Records Committee: IBL 69:89

VOTE: 7 A-D

A-D, Not totally unexpected this date.

A-D, Coloration and droopy bill good. Early date, or did it ever leave?

A-D, Short, black legs and indistinct supercillium also eliminate Stilt Sandpiper, a less likely candidate. Western Sandpiper's smaller size should have been apparent next to a Killdeer.

A-D, Description matches basic plumage Dunlin. This species winters regularly at one location in Tennessee. Other Jan and Feb records: Jan: WI, IL, KY, KS, TN(2); Feb: OH, TN(2). The earliest migrants are noted for 11 Mar (KS), 24 Mar (IL), and 28 Mar (KY). It seems more likely that this bird over-wintered due to the mild weather. Migrants rarely appear before April.

A-D, Not unprecedented in NE. There is a Jan rec in NE.

Lapland Longspur	28-Feb-98	Sandhill Lake	Woodbury	IA	95	hadn't been present till storm
Red-winged Blackbird	17-Jan-98	New Lake	Woodbury	IA	1	wintering
Red-winged Blackbird	21-Feb-98	Sandhill Lake	Woodbury	IA	1	first migrant
Purple Finch	17-Jan-98	Brown's Lake	Woodbury	IA	10	widespread, good year
White-winged Crossbill	13-Dec-97	Sioux City	Woodbury	IA	13	first
White-winged Crossbill	05-Jan-98	Sioux City	Woodbury	IA	8m/30f	most; probably another flock of = size
White-winged Crossbill	03-Feb-98	Sioux City	Woodbury	IA	7 f	last;
Common Redpoll	22-Jan-98	Sioux City	Woodbury	IA	1m/4f	from 12/27 -1/22 or later

Add'l details

Dunlin -

smaller than killdeer by direct comparison

brownish gray dorsally, white ventrally except for
grayish wash on upper breast.

short black legs

long bill (black) w/ droop at tip.

indistinct supercilium.

eliminated curlew sandpiper by bill shape, longer legs,
& distinct supercilium.28 Feb Snyder's Bend,
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