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Fall Report

Unfortunately I ^{have} next to nothing to report, due to the fact that this fall I was out of the state (and out of the country) for a good part of the period. This created a very hectic situation for me which pretty well eliminated birding from my schedule. The coming winter season looks much better for me, and I should be able to submit a complete report on it.

Some observations of interest:

- ✓ - Wood Duck: observed two pairs on the late date of November 29; in the Rock Valley (Sioux Co.) area.
- ✓ - Golden Plover: observed a flock of about 60 individuals in western Sioux Co. on October 4. I observed them for about 30 min., ~~both~~ by scope, and naked eye when they flew and circled several times (flying overhead as well) between times of settling in a field. I could definitely rule out Black-bellied Plover: no pattern above and no black axillars.
- ✓ - Barn Swallow: still present on October 4

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