

FIELD REPORT  
FALL 1982

✓ Common Loon--Peak of four at Saylorville Reservoir, Polk Co., and five at Little Wall Lake, Hamilton Co., Nov. II. Recorded at Saylorville from Oct. 10 to Nov. 16.

✓ Horned Grebe--Ten found at Saylorville, Oct. 31, with one to four found there from Oct. 10 to Nov. 15.

✓ Eared Grebe--One or two were at Saylorville Nov. 8-15.

✓ Western Grebe--One of unidentified phase at Saylorville Oct. 22. <sup>10 per spec</sup>

✓ A. White Pelican--Four were at Saylorville from Oct 10 to 29 with five on the 31st and one on ~~the~~ 10 Nov.

✓ Double-crested Cormorant--Found at Saylorville through period. Peak of 650 there 10 Oct. One on Nov. 29.

✓ Great Blue Heron--Last record was one north of Preparation Canyon State Park, Monona Co., 13 Nov..

✓ A. Black Duck--Up to five were found at Saylorville 15-29 Nov.

✓ White-winged Scoter--Two males at Saylorville Nov. 15. See doc.

✓ Osprey--One at Nashua, Chickasaw Co., Aug 1st.

✓ Northern Goshawk--Two at Saylorville 29 Oct and one at Yellow River Forest 21 <sup>Nov</sup> Oct. See documentation.

✓ Red-shouldered Hawk--One found with Darwin Koenig in Yellow River Sept. 4.

✓ Rough-legged Hawk--Three counties: Allamakee, Story & ~~Story~~ Winneshiek from Nov. 10 on. Oddly, of the five observed only one was light-phased.

✓ Golden Eagle--One imm. 6 mi. east of Decorah in Winneshiek Co. on Nov. 24 was a different location than those found on the IOU field trip.

✓ Common Moorhen--One at Lansing, Allamakee Co. 13 Aug.

✓ Those species checked have description provided on separate note.

- ✓ Black-bellied Plover--One at Nashua, Chickasaw Co. Aug I.
- ✓ Semipalmated Plover--Eleven were at Rock Creek S.P. on Sept II.
- ✓ American Avocet--One at Saylorville Oct II.
- ✓ Solitary Sandpiper--One at Ames Oct. 3.
- ✓ Willet--One at Nashua Aug. 14.
- ✓ Sanderling--A late bird at Saylorville Oct. 29.
- ✓ Semipalmated Sandpiper--Two at Saylorville Oct. 22.
- ✓ Western Sandpiper--Two at Rock Creek S.P. Sept. 7.
- ✓ White-rumped Sandpiper--None observed.
- ✓ Baird's Sandpiper--Two at Rock Creek Sept. II and one at Ames Sept. 26.
- ✓ Stilt Sandpiper--Peak was 35 birds at Rock Creek Sept. 7-II.
- ✓ Long-billed <sup>Dowitcher</sup> Sandpiper--One at Larson's Marsh Story Co. Oct 3.
- ✓ Common Snipe--One at Nashua July I was missed for summer report.
- ✓ Red-necked Phalarope--One at Rock Creek Sept. 7-II.
- ✓ Franklin's Gull--One at Saylorville Nov. II was late.
- ✓ Common Tern--Three at Decatur Bend, Monana Co. were submitted for the summer report without details were observed June 2.
- ✓ Chimney Swift--Three were at Mc Farland Park, Story Co. Oct. II.
- ✓ Red-headed Woodpecker--Near complete exodus from north and central part of state during Sept. & Early Oct. None observed since Oct.
- ✓ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher--One was found in Ames Sept. 3 & 7. A singing bird was in Brookside Park, Ames Sept. II.
- ✓ Acadian Flycatcher--One singing in Back Bone S.P., Delaware Co. Aug. 16.
- ✓ Least Flycatcher--One was early Aug. 10 south of Tripoli, Bremer Co.
- ✓ Tree Swallow--The 2000 near Swan Lake in Johnson Co. was odd for Aug. 17.
- ✓ ~~at~~ Barn Swallow--Two on Oct. 22 n. of Polk City, Polk County, late



✓ Red-breasted Nuthatch--On ly record for central Iowa were two at Ames Sept. 22. Six were found in east Allamakee Co. Nov. 20-21.

✓ Marsh Wren--Two were late at Doolittle Prairie, Story Co. Oct 30.

✓ Sedge Wren--Two were at Doolittle Prairie, Story Co., Oct 30.

✓ Water Pipit--Records from Boone, Polk and Story Counties Oct. 15 to Nov. 8. HighS; Twelve at Saylorville, Oct 29; and six at Doolittle Oct. 30 with the last birds being two at Saylorville.

✓ Northern Shrike--An Immature was at Big Creek S.P., Polk Co., Nov. 13 and an adult found on the IOU field trip in extreme n.e. Winnishiek Co. Nov. 21.

✓ Northern Parula--One at Ames Oct. 1.

✓ Chestnut-sided Warbler--One on Aug 13 at Lansing Wildlife Area, ~~Allamakee~~ Allamakee Co.

✓ Cape May Warbler--Two were found at the State Nursery in Ames, Sept 26.

✓ Black-throated Blue Warbler--One was found with Koenig in Yellow River F. Sept. 4. One in Ames Sept. 9.

✓ Indigo Bunting--Two at Doolittle Prairie on Oct. 3.

✓ Vesper Sparrow--Last seen Oct. 30 at Doolittle Prairie.

✓ Savannah Sparrow--Sixty-five were found at Doolittle Oct. 30.

✓ Le Conte's Sparrow--Found from Oct. 3 to Nov. 7 at Doolittle Pra. Fourteen were there on the 3~~&~~30 of Oct. and one late on the 7 of Nov.

✓ Lapland Longspur--Four observed and heard at Doolittle Pra. on Oct. 3 with Steve Dinsmore were my earliest record ever.

✓ Snow Bunting--One at Saylorville Dam on Oct 29 is my earliest fall record with a flock of a dozen there on Nov. 15 and 16.

✓ Brewer's Blackbird--Twelve at Sheldahl, Polk Co., Nov. 10 and thirty with cattle near Saylorville REservoir Nov. 13.

✓ Purple Finch--One at Ames Sept. 11 was early, numbers average.

✓ Pine Siskin--On'y record is one on ISU Campus Nov. 1.

Sanderling -- Bird was observed flying near dam at Saylorsville. The call was a distinct "plik" given repeatedly as bird flew. The light gray back, clear white belly, stocky build, and thick bill were characteristic, as was a wide white wing stripe. The bird was larger than largest "peep" and flew differently than the smaller sandpipers.

Western Sandpiper -- Birds were much like Semipalmated in appearance except: Bill was longer, and finer at tip with a distinct decurved tip. The two were observed probing in deeper water and were seen at times submerging head ~~up~~ up to the eyes. The birds seemed slightly longer-legged. No rust noted. Call not heard. Compared ~~to~~ with Semipalmated.

Long-billed Dowitcher -- A very long-billed bird with no white on edges of scapulars. Tail was dark with very fine pin-stripping. Call did not sound typical for species when flushed, though alarm call of Short-billed is similar, field marks support Long-billed. Though juvenal birds are difficult to separate in fall this was a distinctly marked bird with a very long bill.

Common Tern -- Three birds were observed. Two in typical summer plumage of adults the other still in winter plumage. Red bills. Dark areas of wings were distinct and showed on both upper and lower <sup>sides of</sup> primaries. Call was distinctly not ~~forrest~~ of the Forster's Tern and fit Common terns call. Bird still in winter plumage had a dark nape connecting dark patches of eyes. (These notes were taken from my field note book. Description was made at time of sighting).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher -- Distinct Empidonax with ~~dark~~ ~~green~~ green back and a striking amount of yellow on throat, belly, sides and in eye-ring and wing bars. Lower mandible seemed brighter orange-yellow than Willow or Least. Bird(s) observed in same place on two different days in good light. Bird(s) foraged low to ground in foliage.

(over)



Northern Shrike -- A brown-backed big-billed shrike was observed at close range (200 ft or less) briefly. The small mask did not show because of light and shadow on the head and the short time of observation did not allow it.

An adult was observed with 7x35 binocs at about 250 ft. But the big-bill and small mask were apparent. In flight the bird had a white rump extending well onto back. It seemed to fly in a manner which gave the appearance of being more heavily built than a Loggerhead. Northern have been observed at this spot yearly.

Brewer's Blackbird -- On two occasions this species was observed, feeding in pastures and dry farm fields, once with cattle. The ♂ birds were too small and short tailed for grackles and gave a sharp "chek" call. The ♀s were mouse gray, with no signs of rust and were observed in good light, at around 175 feet with a X20 scope showing brown eyes. Bnds lacked any wing marking and did not have a finch-like bill.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher -- Distinct Empidonax with back and a striking amount of yellow on throat, belly, sides and in eye-ring and wing bars. Lower mandible seemed brighter orange-yellow than willow or least. Bird(s) observed in same place on two different days in good light. Bird(s) foraged low to ground in foliage.

(over)