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Ramona Sommerlot, Union

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
✓ Eared Grebe	1	19 Sept	n.w. Marshall Co. gravel pit - seen by RS only
✓ "	2	20 Sept	Pine Lake, e Hardin Co. - seen by PH only
✓ Red-necked Grebe	1	20 Sept	Pine Lake - seen by PH only - see documentation
✓ American White Pelican	100+	15 Sept	s. Hardin Co., flying south - seen by PH only
"	1000+	22 Sept	Saylorville on Des Moines R - reported to me
pelicans observed building up numbers until 1000 +/- on Sept 22			
Geese (species)	100's	25 Nov	near Madrid, s. Boone Co. MP.
" "	100's	"	Saylorville - seen by PH only
hundreds were flying - at times the sky was "cobwebby" with them			
✓ Osprey	2	20 Sept	Pine Lake - seen by PH only
✓ Bald Eagle	3	26 Nov	Pine Lake - seen by NS only - 1 adult 2 imm
✓ Merlin	1	8, 21 Oct	n.w. Marshall Co - seen by R.S. only
see documentation			
✓ Gray Partridge	12	30 Oct	n.w. Marshall Co - seen by PH only
expanding their range further south			
✓ Ring-billed Gulls	50-60	12 Nov	s. Hardin & n. Marshall Co. seen by GS & RS only
Gulls (sp)	"hordes"	25 Nov	Saylorville - seen by PH only
I know this is not scientific counting!			
✓ Caspian tern	3	19 Sept	n.w. Marshall Co. gravel pit - seen by RS only
✓ "	4	20 Sept	Pine Lake - seen by PH only
✓ Pileated woodpecker	2	28 Aug	Grammar Grove W.A., Marshall Co, MP RS
"	1	17 Nov	" " " RS
we're always glad for these rare sightings along the Iowa River			
✓ Hermit Thrush	10	17 Oct	n.w. Marshall Co, Honey Creek woods, by RS only

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✓ Connecticut Warbler	1	28 Aug	Grammar Grove MP, RS
✓ Mourning Warbler, imm	1	2 Sept	" RS
✓ Canada Warbler	3 (or 4)	28 Aug	" MP, RS imm ♀
American Tree Sparrow	large numbers	31 Oct	s.e. Hardin Co gravel pit - seen by PH only
White-throated Sparrow	"	"	" "

part of the large amount of Sparrows seen this date, including also fewer numbers of Lark, Chipping, Harris, Fox, Savannah + Song Sparrows. Many white-throated, several Fox + a few Harris seen by MP at Grammar Grove this date also.

Weather:

Two days of heavy migration could be weather-related.

On Aug 28 we noted a big influx of warblers + vireos. The day before there were strong northerly winds with gusts to 25, + the day following we received 1.4" rain. Were the birds influenced by the north winds the preceding day, or flying ahead of the rain coming in??

Another period was Oct 30 with 1000's of blackbirds, and Oct 31 with hordes of sparrows. The preceding week had been beautiful, except for Oct 28 when we had steady rain totalling 1". The day following, Nov 1, had rain, some heavy, throughout our area, with snow on Nov 3 + 4 + temperatures 15°-20° colder than normal. This was the period when northern Minnesota, Wisconsin + the UP of Michigan received from 20" to 2 feet of snow. I would assume the birds were moving ahead of that. - BPr.