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Season: Fall

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**General Notes:** Good fall for birding. Much water attracted large variety of waterfowl & shorebirds. First 2 weeks of August very dry, then rains began that continued all season. 3-6" of snow in region on Oct. 19, and another 2-3" ~~xxxxxxx~~ in early Nov. Marshes mostly frozen by Nov. 13.

Species	No.	Date	Location--comments--other observers
✓ Horned Grebe	3	Oct. 28-Nov 13.	1-3 birds seen on Big Spirit Lake throughout time period.
✓ Least Bittern	1	Aug. 10	found in street in City of Okoboji; dazed, was fed minnows & released to marsh.
✓ Canvasback	approx. 150	Nov. 10	Silver Lake, Dickinson Co. Built up numbers from about 50 on Oct. 23 to peak on Nov. 10.
✓ Ruddy Duck	approx. 500	Nov. 10	Silver Lake, Dickinson Co. Largest single flock of Ruddies I've ever seen.
✓ Common Goldeneye	24	Nov. 18	Big Spirit Lake.
✓ Osprey	1	Sept. 22	Big Spirit Lake; reported by LaVonne Foote.
✓ Bald Eagle	1	Oct. 7 to Nov. 15	1 very large immature; seen frequently by me, L. Foote & others on W. side of Big Spirit Lake (also 2 adults reported on Ice of Big Spirit about Nov. 15, but I did not verify.
✓ Swainson's Hawk	1	Sept. 18	Little Swan Lake, Dickinson Co.
✓	1	Sept. 20	4 mi. E. of Rock Rapids, Lyon Co.
✓	1	Oct. 5	Near Rush Lake, Osceola Co.
✓	2	Oct. 25	3 mi. West of Inwood, Lyon Co. (others possible, but no good ID's made)
✓ Upland Sandpiper	2	Aug. 7	5 MI. NE of Ireton, Sioux Co.
✓ Baird's Sandpiper	11	Aug. 3	3 mi. SE of Lake Park, Dickinson Co.
Pectoral Sandpiper	7	Aug. 3	(same as above)
✓ Burrowing Owl	5	Aug. 2 to Aug. 7	Brood in housing development alfalfa field SE edge of Sioux Center. (2 Ad., 3 yg.) See documentation.
✓ Indigo Bunting	5	Aug. 26	8 mi. SW of Larchwood, Lyon Co.
✓ Am. Goldfinch	3	Sept. 29	3 yg. in nest, almost ready to fly. Very late brood? 3 mi. W of Paullina, O'Brien Co