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Liscomb, Iowa, 50148

Other observers (name, city):

- Phyllis Harris - Union
- Mark Proescholdt - Liscomb
- Nancy Slife - Eldora
- Ramona Sommerlot - Union

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Common Loon	1	Apr 11	Pine Lake (Hardin Co.) MP, RS
" "	2	Apr 19	Marshalltown Gravel Pits MP
✓ Horned Grebe	1	Mar 5	Hendrickson's Marsh (Story Co.) PH, MP
✓ " "	3	Apr 2 & 4	Union Grove S.P. (Tama Co.) M.P., RS
✓ White Pelican	75	Apr 18	Hendrickson's Marsh MP
" "	19	Apr 20	" " R.S.
✓ Double-cr. Cormorant	59	Apr 13	Little Wall Lake
Amer. Bittern			several seen this spring
✓ Least Bittern	1	May 29	Larson's Marsh (near Ames) MP
✓ Tundra Swan	4	Apr 4-10	Colo flats PH, MP, RS
Am. Black Duck	2	Mar 19	Colo flats PH, MP
" " "	2	Apr 1	Big Marsh (Butler Co.) MP, RS
✓ Hooded Merganser	2	Mar 13	" " " " MP, PH, RS
✓ " "	6	Mar 19	Hendrickson's Marsh PH, MP
✓ " "	4	Apr 4	Union Grove S.P. MP, RS
Red-breasted Merganser	3	Apr 11	Pine Lake PH, MP
Turkey Vulture	1	Mar 6	Arney Bend (early) MP
✓ Cooper's Hawk	1	Apr 1	Big Marsh MP, RS
✓ " "	1	Apr 4	Union Grove S.P. " "
✓ " "	1	Apr 17	Backbone S.P. PH, MP, RS
" "	2	Apr 30	Mormon Ridge (Marshall Co.) m.ob
✓ Red-shouldered Hawk	1	Mar 19	Hendrickson's Marsh PH MP
✓ " "	1	"	sw of Colo " "
✓ " "	1	Mar 22	along Iowa R. near Union PH, MP, RS (Hardin Co)

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✓ Swainson's Hawk	1	Apr 17	near Backbone SP PH, MP, RS
✓ " "	1	Apr 18	Colo flats MP
✓ " "	1	Apr 23-24	Shenandoah PH, MP, RS
✓ Wild Turkey	4	Apr 17	near Backbone SP PH, MP, RS
✓ King Rail	1	May 21	Big Marsh (documented) PH, MP
✓ Virginia Rail	10	"	" " " "
✓ Purple Gallinule	1	May 22	Amana PH, MP
Lesser Golden Plover			hundreds across the wet fields
✓ Amer. Avocet	28	Apr 24	Riverton (documented) PH, MP, RS, m.ob
✓ Whimbrel	1	May 4	Hendrickson's Marsh MP, RS, m.ob
✓ Willet	9	May 3	Liscomb lagoons RS
✓ Ruddy Turnstone	1	May 22	Liscomb, flooded fields PH, MP
✓ " "	1	May 29	Colo flats MP
✓ Sanderling	2+	May 29	" " " "
✓ White-rumped Sandpiper	10+	"	" " " "
✓ Dunlin	1	"	" " " "
✓ Short-billed Dowitcher	1	May 15	n. Marshall Co. PH, MP only the breast was rusty, with noticeable white belly
sp ✓ Long-billed Dowitcher	6	May 11	Hardin Co., field pond m.ob the rusty extended all the way to the tail - no white on belly
Amer. Woodcock	1	May 4	Grammer Grove WA (Marshall Co) R.S. early date
✓ Black-billed Cuckoo	1	May 21	Amana (only one seen this spring) P.H., MP
✓ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	May 21	Pine Lake (only one seen) m.ob

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<sup>subarctic</sup> Great Horned Owl	1	Mar 2	n.e. Marshall Co. (documented) m.ob
Whip-poor-will	2	May 3	Grammer Grove W.A. <sup>Marshall Co.</sup> (only hearing of them)
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird			Several Seen this Spring
✓ Pileated Woodpecker	1	May 5, 6, 14, 21, 23	Grammer Grove W.A. PH, MP, R.S.
✓ Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	May 11	Pine Lake m.ob
"	1	May 20	Grammer Grove } only 3 PH, RS seen
"	1	May 22	Amana PH, MP
+ N. Mockingbird	1	Apr 30	Grammer Grove W.A. m.ob
+ Water Pipit	2	May 15	n. Marshall Co. PH, MP
+ White-eyed Vireo	1	May 13	Pine Lake PH, NS
Blue-winged Warbler	1	May 15	Pine Lake MP
Golden-winged Warbler	1	May 11	Eagle City Park, Hardin Co. m.ob
"	1	"	Pine Lake m.ob
"	1	May 15	" " MP
"	1	May 19	Grammer Grove MP
"	1	May 22	Amana Woods PH, MP
+ Cape May Warbler	1	May 6	our yard in Liscomb MP, PH, RS
+ "	1	May 12	Pine Lake MP
+ "	3	May 15 to 21	our yard (from 1 to 3 observed for a week)
+ Yellow-throated Warbler	1	May 29	Ledges SP MP
Cerulean Warbler	1	"	" "
+ Prothonotary Warbler	1	May 24	Pine Lake PH, RS, NS
✓ Louisiana Waterthrush	1	May 29	Ledges SP MP

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+ Connecticut Warbler	1	May 18	Pine Lake (Hardin Co) m.ob
- "	1	May 18, 19	Grammer Grove W.A. PH, RS, MP
+ "	1	May 22	Amana woods PH, MP
+ "	1	May 25	Grammer Grove W.A.
Mourning Warbler	many	observations	
+ Hooded Warbler	1	May 19	Grammer Grove W.A.
+ Yellow-breasted Chat	1	May 12	" "
- "	1	May 22	Amana woods PH, MP
+ Clay-colored Sparrow	2	May 3	our yard in Liscomb MP
+ Lark Sparrow	1	May 7	Ledges SP PH, MP
✓ LeConte's Sparrow	6+	Apr 24	Forney m.ob
+ "	3-4	May 21	Big Marsh PH, MP
- Brewer's Blackbird	1	Mar. 6	Liscomb MP
+ "	1	Mar. 19	Anderson L, Hamilton Co. PH, MP
		both	in mixed flock size of Redwing, smaller than Grackle it was near, purplish iridescent head + short tail!
+ Orchard Oriole	1	May 9	Grammer Grove RS
+ Purple Finches			building up at our feeders until 57 were counted at one time on April 16
+ House Finch	1	Apr 15	our yard (documented) PH, RS
out of order + Golden Eagle	1	Mar 19	s.e. Story County (documented) PH, MP

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Observations of Mark Proescholdt only:

Hooded Merganser	2	Apr 7	Union Grove SP. (Tama Co.)
* Cooper's Hawk	1	May 5	Pine Lake (Hardin Co)
* Red-shouldered Hawk	1	Mar 21	Union Grove
* Amer. Kestrel	42	Apr 7	in about 200 miles of driving
* Gray Partridge	1	Apr 22	w. Hardin Co.
"	1	May 6	
"	1	May 13	
Caspian Tern	1	May 2	Pine Lake

Observations of Nancy Slife only:

Red-breasted Merganser	9	Apr 3	Pine Lake
* Carolina Wren	1	May 13	"
* Warm-eating Warbler	1	May 22	"
* Louisiana Waterthrush	1	May 9	"

28 warbler species were seen at Pine Lake this spring

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Ending a winter the warmest in 51 years in parts of Iowa, March began with continuing early warmth, temperatures in the 60's, and one day 75°. A March 7 cold wave was followed by a March 8 wind chill of only 11°, and a month with only 3 all-sunny days followed. A weekend snowstorm of Mar 25-27 produced blizzard conditions and 8½" snow in central Iowa.

Heavy wet snow on April 9, April 14, & April 17 with record low temperatures April 17 and below normal temperatures on all but 8 days caused April to be proclaimed the coldest since 1950, & the 3<sup>rd</sup> snowiest & 4<sup>th</sup> coldest April this century.

May has been cool with a trace of frost as late as May 26, & May 30 being 15°-20° below normal. Heavy rains May 18 raised already swollen rivers to above flood level.

✓ April 16 & 17 brought a big influx of Hermit Thrushes, Phoebes, both Kinglets, Brown Creepers & Winter Wrens between snowstorms of April 14 & April 17.