

Field reports of Jim Dinsmore for spring 1983
 Unless otherwise indicated, all records are for me personally.
 Generally I didn't spend a lot of time in the field and the notes
 will show it.

Common Loon one on 15 Apr at Little Wall Lake

- ✓ Horned Grebe one on 15 Apr at Little Wall L the only one I saw
- ✓ Eared Grebe one on 15 Apr at Little Wall L
- ✓ American White Pelican 2 at Hendrickson M on 16 Apr were my only ones (with Steve D)
- ✓ Least Bittern singles at Cooper Marsh and Larson's M on 29 May were unexpected so late this far south (With Steve D)
- ✓ Cattle Egret 2 were seen at Colo ponds on 24 May (with Steve and Mark D, were first seen by HZ)

waterfowl seemed to be a normal migration, had fewer White-fronts locally this year than have had in the recent past, also seem to be more birds sticking around to late May than usual, probably because of water conditions

- ✓ Tundra Swan 4 at Colo ponds on 4 Apr (with Steve and Mark D, also seen by many others)

Greater White-fronted Goose 8 at Larson's Marsh on 19 March were my only records (with Mark D)

- ✓ Northern Harrier there seemed to be a good migration of these with quite a few local reports, my peak being 6 at Hendrickson M on 16 Apr (with Steve D)
- ✓ Bald Eagle on immature at Anderson L on 15 Apr was late for a bird in this area
- Yellow Rail one found by Kraig Downs on 13 Apr in west Ames, seen by Steve and Mark D and myself, then released, seen later in day xxxxxxxxxxxx documentations attached

Sandhill Crane one seen and heard at Little Wall L on 5 Apr, documentation attached

- ✓ Willet 7 seen at Hendrickson M on 5 May (Steve and Mark D)

Whimbrel one seen at Hendrickson M on 4 May (found by Beth Proescholt, seen by many others, documentation attached)

In general, the shorebird migration seemed very late with some species still showing up in late May

Franklin's Gull my only record is one at Little Wall L on 15 Apr

- ✓ Herring Gull 2 immatures at Little Wall L on 15 Apr were late
- ✓ Northern Saw Whet Owl one seen on 10 Apr in Ames (Kraig Downs, JD, SD, MD)
- ✓ Chimney Swift on on 25 Apr in Ames was my first record

- ✓ American Coot a brood found on Coopers Marsh on 29 May was the first recent breeding record for Story County I know of (JD,SD)

✓ Red-headed Woodpecker migrants arrived here about 5 May and then were seen virtually everywhere

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker had a good migration of them in mid Apr

kinglets both species seemed at normal abundance with quite a few golden-crowns reported in early and mid Apr

✓ Eastern Bluebird a flock of 12 on 16 Apr near Hendrickson M was late for a flock (JD,SD)

warblers in general they were in about normal abundance but most arrived later than usual with almost no birds here before the first of May about the only date of note was:

✓ Mourning Warbler one in Ames 30 May which was a bit late

✓ Lapland Longspur several hundred seen east of Ames on 19 March (with MD) there were a number of reports of large flocks in this area and they seemed to be more numerous than usual

Bird records, spring 1983

records of others reported to Jim Dinsmore

- ✓ Eared Grebe 1 on 7 Apr at Little Wall L Doug Sheeley
- ✓ Yellow-crowned Night Heron 20 May at Smith Slough, Clay Co Mike Brown
- ✓ Tundra Swan 2 on 28 Mar at Little Wall L Doug Sheeley
- ✓ Wood Duck several on 3 Mar 2 miles east of Colo Ted LaGrange
my earliest record of this species
- ✓ Cinnamon Teal a pair seen on 5 Apr in Fremont Co at the same place as they
were seen during the IOU meeting, documentation attached, Susas Davis, one of our grad
students
- ✓ I had another report of a bird at Anderson L, Hamilton Co on 6 Apr by
Burt Shepard, a teaching assistant in my bird study class
- ✓ Northern Shoveler several in eastern Story Co on 6 Mar were the first seen
locally, by Ted LaGrange
- ✓ Greater Scaup one reported 2 miles east of Colo on 18 Apr by Ted LaGrange
have attached documentation based on notes he provided me; Ted is a
grad student of mine who is studying waterfowl
- ✓ Greater Scaup 1 at Little Wall L on 10 Apr by George Brown, see documentation
- ✓ Northern Goshawk here is the description of the bird that Ted LaGrange saw
eating a duck earlier this spring. He sent you documentation with the
other details but didn't describe the bird at all
- ✓ Swainson's Hawk 1 on 5 May 1 mile east of Jefferson, Green Co Mike Brown
- ✓ Sora one heard on 7 Apr at Anderson L by Rex Johnson is early. Rex spent
two summers playing tapes of and counting these rails in NW Iowa
- ✓ King Rail one heard at Jemerson Sl on 24 May by Mike Brown, heard clacking call
- ✓ Sandhill Crane 3 seen flying over highway on 10 Mar 10 miles East of Oskaloosa
by Bill Ohde. I sent him a documentation form and he may have sent it
directly to you.
- ✓ Killdeer a flock of 42 near Zearing on 7 Apr was late for this early migrant
Ted LaGrange
- ✓ Marbled Godwit one seen in SW Hardin Co on 27 Apr Ted LaGrange
seen alongside Hudsonians for comparison
- ✓ American Woodcock 3 or 4 males heard displaying on 24 Feb near Lucas, Lucas Co
and 2-3 males heard near Ames on 7 March, both by Craig Huegel, An.Ecl. grad student
- ✓ N. Saw Whet Owl one seen near Ledges State Park on 4 Apr by Todd Walrod, a student
in my bird study course. He walked right up to bird and saw it well.
- ✓ Northern Mockingbird one seen in Ames on 8 May by Kraig Downs and another
seen from 9-12 May near Ames by Don Farrar (ISU, Botany Dept)
- ✓ Nashville Warbler early date was one on 26 Apr in Ames by bird study class (ISU)
- ✓ Dark-eyed Junco last one I heard of locally was on 30 Apr by Burt Shepard
- ✓ Yellow-rumped Warbler early date was 12 Apr in Ames Rochelle Renken
- ✓ Yellow-headed Blackbird early date was 15 Apr near Ames, Ted LaGrange
- ✓ Pine Siskin the only local record I heard of was birds at a feeder on 3 Apr
after one of our late snows by Bob Moorman

Barn Owl

Bird found dead

near Otter

10 May 1983

Jack McClure

to Dave Newhouse

To Dinsmore

specimen at Iowa State

file Dinsmore.