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Dear Tom,

Here are some bird records that I have accumulated this fall. Unless I give another individual's name, all refer to birds that I saw. On a few of the odd ones, I tried to screen the records. I also have one late summer record of a Black-crown colony that you may want to mention. I didn't hear of it till this fall.

I like the new format in IBL with the info listed by species. It sure makes it easier to go back to look for information on a given species. My only comment is that I was disappointed to see some of the specific information on dates and locales being left out (e.g. White-rumped Sandpiper and Caspian Tern) but I suppose that with space restrictions, that can't be helped. All in all, though, it was a real good job.

Best,

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Dear Tom,

After I wrote to you earlier, a few other interesting records have been reported here:

Bald Eagle-- 1 adult over Ames, and 2 immatures near Huxley, all in Story County on 26 November and seen by Joe Schaefer, a graduate student of mine

Sandhill Crane-- one was found injured at Otter Creek Marsh, Tama Co. on 12 or 13 Nov by ICC biologists, it was taken to Wildlife Exhibit at Ledges S. P. and died on 24 Nov, the specimen will go to ISU collection

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White Pelican- 2500 reported at Riverton on 17 Sept, fide Erv Klaas at ISU through Iowa Cons. Comm. personnel

Double-crested Cormorant-5 at Hendrickson Marsh, Story Co. 19 Sept
5 at Saylorville Reservoir, Polk Co. 20 Oct

Green Heron- one flushed at Jester Park, Polk Co. on 21 Oct by Steve Dinsmore

Cattle Egret- one south of Ames on 5 Sept, fide Ken Wiggers
two groups of 2-3 north of Humbolt on 6 Sept, fide Wayne Hubert
7 at Cheever Lake, Emmet Co. on 6 and 11 Sept, fide Larry Mitchell
and Dennis Goemaat
4 at Big Marsh, Butler Co. on 4 Sept, Fide Carl Priebe Iowa Cons. Comm.

Black-crowned Night Heron-a colony with about 8 nests was reported to me belatedly by Carl Priebe, it was located in Franklin Co. north of Beeds Lake and was active this summer

White-winged Scoter- my sons and I saw 3 on Little Wall Lake, Hamilton Co. on 10 Nov, see Documentation form. After seeing these birds I received a number of other reports, most of earlier observations by duck hunters, ~~and most coming in after the lake had frozen.~~ These other reports are as follows:

- 4 Nov- 8 present, one shot
- 11 Nov-1 present
- 12 Nov-6 present, one shot and given to ISU collection

Ruddy Duck, Lesser Scaup, Ring-necked Duck- small numbers on Little Wall on 10 Nov

Cooper's Hawk-one on 19 Oct at Ledges State Park

Rough-legged Hawk-one on 20 Oct at Jester Park was the first I saw this fall

Bald Eagle-one immature at Saylorville Reservoir on 20 Oct

Osprey-one at Hendrickson Marsh, Story Co. on 19 Sept

Bonaparte's Gull-5 at Saylorville Reservoir, 20 Oct

note-no gulls were at Little Wall Lake on 10 Nov even though there still was some open water and I saw quite a number there last year at that time.

Long-eared Owl-one at Cambridge on 11 Nov-fide Gary Fredricks

Common Crow- a roost of about 500 was on ISU campus by early Nov, fide Joe Schaefer and myself, another roost at Blairsburg had 400 birds in August and 1000 by September, fide Joe Schaefer

Red Crossbill-4 at Cambridge (in pine planting) on 10 Nov, fide Gary Fredricks

Dark-eyed Junco- numbers arrived in Ames about 18 Oct, from several individuals in Ames