

Season: Fall Year: 1983 Name: Douglas Harr
 Address: Box 65
Larchwood, Iowa 51241

Other Observers: Bill Fribley

General Notes: Hot Aug. & Sept., very foggy Oct., but mild; much snow in Nov. (approx. 20 in. @ Larchwood, extreme NW Lyon Co.), with 12 in. snowfall on Nov. 27-28. Excellent raptor migration--best I've ever seen in NW Iowa & extended for about 6 weeks. Also good season for waterfowl & others.

Species	No.	Date	Location--comments--other observers
✓ Common Loon	3	11/3	Spirit Lake, Dickinson Co.
✓ Horned Grebe	7	10/6	Spirit Lake, Dickinson Co.
✓ Am. White Pelican	approx. 150	10/3	Spirit Lake, Dickinson Co. (also many other small flights throughout October)
✓ Db.-crested Cormorant	96	10/3	Spirit Lake, Dickinson Co. (also many other small flights in Oct.-Nov.)
✓ American Bittern	1	9/15	Christopherson Slough, near Superior, Dickinson Co., Iowa
Great Egret	1	9/1	6 mi. SW of Spirit Lake, Dickinson Co.
✓ Hooded Merganser	29	11/17	Big Spirit & Little Spirit Lakes, Dickinson Co.
✓ Swainsons Hawk	2	9/12	6 mi. NW of Inwood, Lyon Co.
✓ Swainsons Hawk	1	10/21	3 mi. N of Ocheyedon, Osceola Co.
✓ Swainsons Hawk, dark phase	1	10/21	10 mi. ENE of Rock Rapids, Lyon Co.; all dark underparts w/typical Swainson tail pattern
Red-tailed Hawk	7	9/12	6 mi. NE of Inwood, Lyon Co.
✓ Red-tailed Hawk	13	10/21	seen driving from Spirit Lake to Rock Rapids (Dickinson, Osceola & Lyon Counties)
✓ Red-tailed Hawk, light or "Kriders" phase	1	10/21	3 mi. N of Allendorf, Osceola Co.; White head & undersides, brown & white-flecked back, with tail pattern typical of immature retail.
✓ Prairie Falcon	1	9/21-	State Cons. Officer Bill Fribley found bird injured along road near Rock Valley, in Sioux Co. I assisted with in-hand ID of bird, but we did not think to make out documentation form at time. Bird was transshipped to Dr. Pat Redig, U. of Minn. Raptor rehabilitator, who verified ID and amputated wing of bird to save it.
✓ Upland Sandpipers	2	8/1	Lyon County
Cedar Waxwing	approx. 100	11/5	Oak Grove Park, Sioux Co. Also many other flocks seen reg. in Lyon & Dickinson Co's.
✓ Nashville Warbler	101	10/11	Rock Rapids, Lyon Co.
Fox Sparrow	1	10/17	East Hottes Lake, Dickinson Co.

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✓ Evening Grosbeak 1 11/5 6 mi. NW of Inwood, Lyon Co. Also other unverified public reports of birds at Rock Rapids (Lyon Co.) & Little Spirit Lake (Dickinson Co.)

Other Observations reported to me:

Red-breasted Nuthatch 1 11/10, & daily thereafter--Reported at Rock Rapids feeder by Cons. Officer Bill Fribley.

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✓ Varied Thrush 1 10/30 Oak Grove Park, Sioux County. Reported 6 days later by Park Ranger (Gerald Schiefen) but without any verifying documentation. His description of bird to me, however, was exactly that of a Varied Thrush. Mr. Schiefen stated it just looked like a robin with a stripe across the chest. Seen with feeding flock of robins on lawn.