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Season: Spring Year: 1984

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Use first few lines to give weather and habitat conditions. Use line(s) below species data to give additional details, if needed. Mail to: T. H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City IA 52240 by 1 Mar, 1 Jun, 1 Aug, or 1 Dec.

use initials of obsv. on species line

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
* Red-throated Loon	1	4-4-84	Cedar Lake in Cedar Rapids
✓ Pie-billed Grebe	165	4-14-84	This is the most I've seen in one place so Francis + I counted them. Greenbelt Lake in Waterloo
* Red-necked Grebe	1	4-14-84	Little Wall Lake
✓ Little Blue Heron	2	4-28-84	Otter Creek Marsh
✓ Cattle Egret	several	throughout May	I found cattle egrets at Forney Lakes Albion, and 2 on May 26 in Waterloo.
✓ Snowy Egret	3	4-27-84	South of Albion
✓ Snowy Egret	1	5-6-84	" " " } Both times I noted the black bill + legs and yellow feet.
* Ross's Goose	1	3-30-84	Willow Slough - Mills Co. with Francis Moore
✓ Cinnamon Teal	1	4-19-84	Big Marsh
* Barrow's Goldeneye	1	3-31-84	Forney Lake
* Eurasian Wigeon	1	4-15-84	Sweet Marsh
- Ruddy Shelduck	1	5-12-84	This was no doubt an escaped bird but it is interesting to note that of all places it could have gone it choose Sweet Marsh.
✓ N. Goshawk	1	3-24-84	Big Marsh - large accipiter - slate gray dorsally with white stripe over eye and lighter below.
* Merlin	1	4-21-84	Sweet Marsh
* Peregrine Falcon	1 probably	4-15-84 and 5-12-84	Sweet Marsh
✓ Am. Avocet	<del>1</del>	4-28-84	Otter Creek Marsh
✓ Long-billed Dowitcher	1	3-29-84	Willow Slough - I.D. by high "keek" call
✓ Common Tern	1	5-8-84	Wagner Ponds - N. of Waterloo - dark gray back + wings with no white in primaries
✓ N. Saw-whet Owl	1	3-30-84	Willow Slough
✓ Hooded Warbler	1	5-18-84	Sweet Marsh
	1	5-25-84	Amana Woods } both were singing ♂'s and were seen + heard



5-31-84

Dear Tom,

It was good to hear of your success in western and north-west Iowa. I wish we had more birds there. I guess Francis and I will postpone our search for the Say's Phoebe until next year.

Don't get me wrong because I did enjoy the rare waterfowl, herons, and grebe we had this spring but other than that this was the poorest spring migration I've had ~~of~~ since I started keeping records in 1978. The whole season was weird. Everything seemed late and there weren't enough fronts going through to keep things interesting. I was out daily and during my best days I only averaged 17-20 sp. of warblers. On one saving day I did get 25 (May 18) including the first ♂ Hooded for me at Sweet March. Oh well, next year is only 10-11 months away.

In spite of my crying, I did manage to get 244 sp. so far and I have some fairly easy locals to track down across the state.

Take care and beware of buzzy field sparrows,  
Bob