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Tom & Carl:

Enclosed is my Spring 1985 field reports. Sorry if they are a little late. I tried to get them out faster but too many things came up as usual. I haven't had the slides of the Curlew Sandpiper made into prints yet but should have them before too long. I will send them as soon as I get them. Hopefully the summer and fall will be more exciting than this spring has been. I know I have included more in my report than you need but do not seem to know when to stop and limit my reports. Hope to see you when a good bird shows up this summer or fall. If you need anything else let me know.

Season: SPRING Year: 1985

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
✓ Eared Grebe	12	4-27-85	Willow Slough, Mills Co./RCe
✓ " "	2	4-27-85	Forney Lake, Fremont Co./RCe
✓ White Pelican	200±	3-30-85	Riverton WA, Fremont Co. Early? /RCe
✓ American Bittern	1	5-12-85	Roadside Ditch near Mount Auburn, Benton Co.
✓ Least Bittern	1	5-13-85	Sweet Marsh, Bremer Co./RMy,RCe
<i>doc</i> ✓ Greater Scaup	5	3-30-85	Willow Slough, Mills Co./RCe -- See Documentation --
Red-breasted Merganser	1♀	5-11-85	Cedar Lake, Nashua, Chickasaw Co./TK,TS
✓ Ring-necked Duck	3	5-27-85	1♂, 2♀ Cardinal Marsh, Winneshiek Co.
✓ Red-shouldered Hawk	1	5-12-85	Dudgeon Park, Benton Co.
✓ Broad-winged Hawk	1 ad.	5-25-85	Yellow River SF, Allamakee Co.
✓ " " "	8 im.	5-27-85	Near Wittenbreer Marsh, Howard Co.
✓ Swainson's Hawk	1	5-13-85	N. Waterloo City Limits, Black Hawk Co./RCe,RMy
✓ Golden Eagle	1 ad	3-02-85	Along A26 at Solitaire Bluff, Allamakee Co./RMy
<i>doc</i> ✓ Peregrine Falcon	1	4-28-85	N. of Highway 2 on W. Side of Loess Hills Fremont Co./WRS,RCe
	-- See Documentation --		Large Dark Falcon Sp. Most likely this species.
Gray Partridge	2	4-07-85	E. Sweet Marsh, flushed by Red-tailed Hawk
<i>doc</i> ✓ Sandhill Crane	1	3-29-85	Big Marsh, Butler Co./RMy -- See Documentation--
✓ Lesser Golden Plover	12	3-29-85	Big Marsh, Butler Co./RMy
✓ Piping Plover	8	4-28-85	IPL Cooling Ponds, Mills Co./RCe
✓ Willet	23	4-27-85	Willow Slough, Mills Co./RCe
✓ " "	15	4-28-85	Riverton WA, Fremont Co./RCe
Spotted Sandpiper	1	4-20-85	Lacey-Keosaqua SP at Lake, Van Buren Co./RCe Early?
✓ Upland Sandpiper	1	3-29-85	Along US 20, Butler/Black Hawk Co. Line Early?
✓ Hudsonian Godwit	5	5-10-85	Alt plumage Cedar Lake, Nashua, Chickasaw Co.

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✓ Marbled Godwit	1	5-10-85	Cedar Lake, Nashua, Chickasaw Co., Flushed by Osprey, Saw cinnamon Wing Linings, Dark Rump
✓ Ruddy Turnstone	1	5-18-85	<sup>Alt plumage</sup> Sewege Lagoon, Marshalltown, Marshall Co., mob. <sup>During IOU</sup>
✓ Sanderling	2	5-10-85	Bas Plumage, Cedar Lake, Nashua, Chickasaw Co.
✓ "	1	5-18-85	Alt Plumage, Sewege Lagoon, Marshall Co.
<i>doc</i> ✓ Curlew Sandpiper	1	5-10-85	-- See Documentation -- Alt Plumage, Cedar Lake, Nashua, Chickasaw Co.
✓ Semipalmated Sandpiper	4	3-30-85	<sup>Basic plumage</sup> Riverton WA, Fremont Co. Early Record Date?/RCe
<i>notes</i> ✓ Western Sandpiper	3	5-10-85	<sup>Alt plumage</sup> Cedar Lake, Nashua, Chickasaw Co.
✓ Least Sandpiper	3	3-30-85	<sup>Basic plumage</sup> Riverton WA, Fremont Co. Early Record?/RCe
American Woodcock	3	5-25-85	Yellow River SF, Allamakee Co.
✓ Barn Swallow	1	3-16-85	Big Marsh, Butler Co. Early Record?/RMy
✓ Winter Wren	1	3-09-85	Bellvue at L&D 12, Jackson Co./RMy
✓ Water Pipit	25+	3-30-85	Riverton WA, Fremont Co./RCe
✓ White-eyed Vireo	1	4-20-85	Lacey-Keosaqua SP, Van Buren Co./RCe
✓ Golden-winged Warbler	1	5-05-85	Near George Wyth SP, Black Hawk Co.
✓ Northern Parula	12+	4-20-85	Lacey-Keosaqua SP, Van Buren Co./RCe
✓ " "	1	4-27-85	Waubonsie SP, Fremont Co./RCe, WRS
✓ Yellow-throated Warbler	3	4-20-85	Lacey-Keosaqua SP, Ely Ford, Van Buren Co./RCe
✓ Chestnut-sided Warbler	1	5-05-85	Near George Wyth SP, Black Hawk Co.
✓ Cape May Warbler	1	5-05-85	<sup>Only one I saw this spring.</sup> Near George Wyth SP, Black Hawk Co.
✓ Bay-breasted Warbler	3	5-27-85	Near George Wyth SP, Black Hawk Co.
✓ Prothonotary Warbler	6	5-12-85	Dudgeon Park, Benton Co.
✓ Ovenbird	1	4-20-85	Lacey-Keosaqua SP, Van Buren Co. Early?/RCe
✓ Kentucky Warbler	1	5-05-85	Near George Wyth SP, Black Hawk Co.



Notes: Western Sandpiper

3 seen on 10 May 1985

at Cedar Lake, Nashua

Three small sandpipers were feeding in deeper water than the similar Semipalmated Sandpipers nearby. They also submerged their heads completely as they fed, unlike the Semipalmated's. The three birds had black legs like the Semipalmated's but the scapulars and upper wing coverts were a rusty reddish color. These three birds also had quite a bit of dark streaking on the sides of the breast toward the center of the breast, but not as dense on the center of the breast as on the sides and not as evident a dividing line on the breast as a Pectoral Sandpiper would show. I could not tell if the bill was longer or more drooped at the tip than the Semipalmated Sandpipers nearby; they looked the same to me.