

FALL 1984

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All in Story County, Iowa

Double-crested Cormorant	6 and 5	21 October; flying over Ames - 2 'flocks'
	1	7 November; Hickory Grove Lake
Osprey	2	19 September; Hendricksons Marsh
	1	3 October; Hendricksons Marsh
Northern Harrier	1	1 September: Hendricksons Marsh - First
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	13 September; Brookside Park - Ames - soaring; small with squarish tail.
	33	23 September; Hendricksons Marsh; all with squarish tails; one with slight notch in middle.
	1	23 September; Larson Marsh; squarish tail
	19	29 September; Hendricksons Marsh; squarish tail
Broad-winged Hawk	65	21 September; kettle of 65 over south side of Ames
Merlin	1	2 September; Larson Marsh; see documentation
Lesser Golden Plover	75	3 October; Hendricksons Marsh - most
	35	10 October; Hendricksons Marsh - last
Semipalmated Plover	9	3 September; Hendricksons Marsh - most
	1	3 October; Hendricksons Marsh - last seen
Greater Yellowlegs	4	1 August; Colo potholes; with 100 Lessers.
	1	29 August; Coopers Marsh; with 7 Lessers.
	1	3 4 November; Hickory Grove Lake; last; bill
Lesser Yellowlegs	100	1 August; Colo Potholes - most thickish; much longer than head;
	5	29 September; Hendricksons Marsh - last slightly up-turned; 3 note calls.
Spotted Sandpiper	23	23 September; Hendricksons Marsh - last
Red Knot	1	15 September; Hendricksons Marsh - see documentation
Sanderling	2	1 September; Hendricksons Marsh
	2	7 November; Hickory Grove Lake
Semipalmated Sandpiper	1	10 October; Hendricksons Marsh - last
	120	1 August; Colo potholes - most
	3	3 November; Hickory Grove Lake - last; small peeps with black legs, good seal smaller than Pectoral S.
Least Sandpiper	1	10 October; Hendricksons Marsh - last
Baird's Sandpiper	1	1 September; Hendricksons Marsh
	2	3 September; Hendricksons Marsh
Pectoral Sandpiper	265	1 August; Colo potholes - most
	25	10 October; Hendricksons Marsh - last next to
	2	3 November; Hickory Grove Lake - last
	2	7 November; Hickory Grove Lake last
Dunlin	2	19 September; Hendricksons Marsh
Stilt Sandpiper	10	1 August; Colo potholes - most
	1	3 September; Hendricksons Marsh - last

Sanderlings - 7 Nov

active, chunky, only slightly shorter than Pectoral Sandpiper, black bill, black legs + feet, grayer backed than Pectoral & less "scalery"; white wing stripe full length of wing.

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Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1	1 September; Hendricksons Marsh; see documentation
	1	3 September; Hendricksons Marsh; " " (same sheet)
Ruff *	1	1 September; Hendricksons Marsh; see documentation
Dowitcher (sp)	1	15 September; Hendricksons Marsh; near basic plumage; narrow black bands alternating with wide white bands on tail.
Common Snipe	18	10 October; Hendricksons Marsh - most
Wilson's Phalarope	1	4 August; Hendricksons Marsh
	6	1 September; Hendricksons Marsh - last & most
Red-necked Phalarope	1	29 September; Hendricksons Marsh
Caspian Tern	9	15 September; Hendricksons Marsh - most
	1	3 October; Hendricksons Marsh - last
Common Tern	2	1 August; Hendricksons Marsh - with 6 Forsters. Redder bill & legs, more evenly grayish wings, shorter tail points than Forsters with them.
Forster's Tern	6	1 August; Hendricksons Marsh; tail points longer than Forsters ^{Common} , bill & feet more orange - not so red as Common, primaries whiter than rest of wing.
Black Tern	6	1 August; Colo potholes
Nighthawk	4	9 October; Ames - last
Chimney Swift	3	18 October; Ames - last
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	3	3 September; Hendricksons Marsh area
	1	20 September; Ames - last
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	29 & 30 Sept, & 3 Oct; Brookside Park in Ames
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	5 August; Brookside Park - early; size of Kingbird, big headed, big billed, general color dark olive-gray, white throat; wing bars
	1	8 August; Brookside Park
	1	19 September; Brookside Park - last seen
Eastern Wood Pewee	1	19 September; Brookside Park - last
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	12 September; Brookside Park; evenly yellow throat, breast & belly.
Willow Flycatcher	2	1 August; Hendricksons Marsh - heard
Eastern Phoebe	6	17 October; Brookside Park - most

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Great Crested Flycatcher	1	13 September; Brookside Park in Ames - last
Tree Swallow	10	17 October; Hendricksons Marsh
N Rough-winged Swallow	3	16 September; Hendricksons Marsh - last
Bank Swallow	6	2 September; Hendricksons Marsh - last
Cliff Swallow	1	29 September; Hendricksons Marsh - last
Barn Swallow	50	3 October; Hendricksons Marsh - last
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	29 September; Brookside Park - Ames
	1	7 October; Brookside Park - Ames
House Wren	2	21 October; Brookside Park - Ames - last seen
Winter Wren	2	21 October; Brookside Park - Ames - last
Sedge Wren	2	3 October; Hendricksons Marsh - last
Marsh Wren	1	21 October; Coopers Marsh - last
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	29 September; Brookside Park-Ames - first
	12	17 October; Brookside Park - <i>next to most</i>
	15	28 October; Brookside Park - <i>most</i>
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	5	15 September; Brookside Park - first
	23	21 October; Brookside Park - most
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	2 September; Brookside Park
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	16 September; Brookside Park
	1	3 October; Brookside Park - these are the only ones I saw this Fall.
Swainsons Thrush	2	3 September; Brookside Park - first
	3	12 September; Brookside Park - most
	1	13 September; Brookside Park - last
Hermit Thrush	1	3 October; Brookside Park - first
	3	21 October; Brookside Park - most
Catbird	1	20 October; State Forest Nursery - Ames - last
Brown Thrasher	1	30 September; Brookside Park - last
Water Pipit	3	19 September; Hendricksons Marsh - first
	10	29 September; Hendricksons Marsh
	10	10 October; Hendricksons Marsh
	3	3 November; Hendricksons Marsh
Loggerhead Shrike	1	4 August; Hendricksons Marsh
	1	15 September; Hendricksons Marsh

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Bell's Vireo	1	15 September; Brookside Park- Ames ; heard
Solitary Vireo	2	3 September; Brookside Park - first
	12	15 September; Brookside Park - most
	1	20 October; Brookside Park - last
Yellow-throated Vireo	1	27 September; Brookside Park - last
Warbling Vireo	1	5 September; Brookside Park - saw & heard singing
Philadelphia Vireo	total of 6	11 to 27 September; Brookside Park
Red-eyed Vireo	1	27 September; Brookside Park -last
Golden-winged Warbler	1	15 September; Brookside Park - only one this Fall.
Tennessee Warbler	1	4 September; Brookside Park - first
	2	3 October; Brookside Park - last
		I saw very few this year
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	7 September; Brookside Park - early; very green with dark green streaks on green breast; otherwise no obvious markings of any kind. Didn't see another till 26 September.
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	10	3 October; Brookside Park
	9	21 October; Brookside Park
	1	28 October; Brookside Park - last
Nashville Warbler	4	3 September; Brookside Park; first
	16	26 September; Brookside Park; most
	8	21 October; Brookside Park; next to last
	1	4 November; State Forest Nursery - Ames - last
Northern Parula	total of 7	4 to 27 September; Brookside Park
	3	15 September; Brookside Park - most
Chestnut-sided Warbler	16	15 September; Brookside Park - most
	1	26 September; Brookside Park - last
Magnolia Warbler	3	15 & 16 September; Brookside Park - most
	1	27 September; Brookside Park - last
Black-throated Blue Warbler 1 male	2	September; Brookside Park
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	3 September; Brookside Park - early; chek note; brownish above - indefinite head markings; faint wing bars; spots under tail; whitish breast with streaking; white undertail coverts.
	25	17 October; Brookside Park
	30	21 October; Brookside Park
	1	4 November; State Forest Nursery - Ames - last
Black-throated Green	total of 20	3 September to 14 October; Brookside Park
Blackburnian Warbler	1	15 & 18 September; Brookside Park
Pine Warbler	1	3 September; Brookside Park - see documentation

gray head - white
eyering; yellow
breast & under
tail coverts;
olivish back,
wings & tail; no
wing bars.

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Palm Warbler	1	23 September; Hendricksons Marsh - first
	3	3 October; Brookside Park - most
	1	21 October; Brookside Park - last - overall brown above; slight trace of chestnut cap; prominent lite brown eye brow line; slight wing bars; breast nearly white with streaks; yellow undertail coverts; bobbed tail average of more than one time per second during 2 minutes seen; typical Palmy 'chip'.
Bay-breasted Warbler	total of 42	2 September to 6 October; Brookside Park
	12	15 September; Brookside Park; most
Blackpoll Warbler	total of 7	4 September to 29 Sept; Brookside Park
Black & White Warbler	7	16 September; Brookside Park - most
	1	30 September; Brookside Park - last
American Redstart	1	21 September; Brookside Park - last
Ovenbird	23 total	1 to 16 September; Brookside Park
	5	5 September; Brookside Park - most
Northern Waterthrush	4 total	29 Aug to 6 Sept; Brookside Park
Connecticut Warbler	1	3 September; Brookside Park
Common Yellowthroat	7	23 September; Hendricksons Marsh - last
Wilson's Warbler	25 total	2 to 19 September; Brookside Park
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	3 October; Brookside Park - last
Dickcissel	2	3 September; Coopers Marsh - last
Rufous-sided Towhee	1	3 October; Brookside Park
	1	20 October; Brookside Park
Chipping Sparrow	3	21 October; Brookside Park - last
	10	31 October; Brookside Park - last
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	3 October; Hendricksons Marsh
Field Sparrow	2	31 October; Brookside Park - last
Vesper Sparrow	1	17 October; 1½ mile north of Hendricksons M - last
Savannah Sparrow	1	21 October; Larsons Marsh - last
Grasshopper Sparrow	1	4 August; Hendricksons Marsh - last - singing
Le Conte's Sparrow	1	16 September; Hendricksons Marsh - first
	3	19 September; Hendricksons Marsh
	5	3 October; Hendricksons Marsh - most
	4	10 October; Hendricksons Marsh
	1	21 October; Doolittle Prairie

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Sharp-tailed Sparrow	4	3 October; Hendricksons Marsh; see documentation
Fox Sparrow	1 9	3 October; Brookside Park; first 31 October; Brookside Park; most
Lincolns Sparrow	2	23 September; Hendricksons Marsh - first
White-throated Sparrow	10 100 100	21 September; Brookside Park - first 3 October; Brookside Park - a peak day 21 October; Brookside Park - a peak day
White-crowned Sparrow	2 21	3 October; Hendricksons Marsh; first 20 October; State Forest Nursery in Ames - most
Harris Sparrow	2 1 7	3 October; Brookside Park - first 3 October; Hendricksons Marsh - first day 20 October; State Forest Nursery in Ames - most
Dark-eyed Junco	1	30 September; McFarland Park NE of Ames - first
Lapland Longspur	23	21 October; Larson Marsh
Snow Bunting	2	4 November; Hickory Grove Lake
Bob-o-link	8	2 September; Hendricksons Marsh - last
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1	11 August; Coopers Marsh - last
Northern Oriole	1	13 September; Brookside Park - last
Pine Siskin	2	11 October; Ames - first

→ Lapland Longspur 3100 total 11 November

{	Just East of Larson Marsh	600
	3/4 mile E of "	2,000
	1 m NNE of Color	300
	3 m E of Color	75
}	Hickory Grove Lake	125