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Birds Not seen in Story County:

- Greater Scaup female 17 November Saylorville Res.  
 compared to Lesser Scaups seen earlier and later  
 in the day, this bird had a bigger beak that merged  
 fairly smoothly with the rounded head; the Lesser's  
 merges at somewhat of an angle and the Lesser's head  
 is peaked - this birds head was nicely rounded.  
 Also had longer white stripe in wing. Seen with sun  
 at back from 50 - 250 feet away with 7 x 35 &  
 20 x 80 binoculars.
- \* - Northern Goshawk 1 17 November young bird at Big Creek; see documentation
- Water Pipit 12 17 November Saylorville - Big Creek area. heard all of them.  
 smallish, longish tailed, pale tannish with fine  
 streaks. *late*
- Northern Shrike 1 17 November adult at Big Creek  
 more 'massive' proportions than Loggerhead -  
 bigger headed, bigger-more hooked beak; mask  
 not including ~~entire eye & broken~~ above beak.;  
 whitish rump or lower back.

*x was out with Gene Dismore on 17 Nov.  
 He will faultless also report these.*

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ALL Story County, Iowa (except one - Perrigrine Falcon).

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|---|------------|-------------------------|--|
| * Red-necked Grebe  | four       | 19 October              | Hallet's Quarry in Ames; see documentation.  |
| - Least Bittern   | one        | 14 August               | Hendricksons Marsh   |
| - Great Egret   | ten        | 1 September             | Hendricksons Marsh   |
| - Green-backed Heron  | one        | 23 October              | Brookside Park in Ames   |
| - Osprey  | one        | 15 October              | Hallet's Quarry in Ames  |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk  | one        | 8,11,14,15,18 September | Brookside Park in Ames: all with square-ended tail & small to very small size.   |
| - Coopers Hawk  | one        | 22 September            | McFarland Park N E of Ames - rounded tail.   |
| -   | <u>ten</u> | 23 October              | McFarland Park N E of Ames - all with rounded tails; 7 were in one 'kettle' with 3 Red-tailed Hawks.   |
| - Broad-winged Hawk   | one        | 14 September            | Brookside Park in Ames; earliest this Fall.  |
| - Red-tailed Hawk   | 71         | 23 October              | McFarland Park N E of Ames - scattered birds & kettles of up to ten birds. Two were dark melanistic birds; got a very good close view of a very black one - head, neck, back, upper wings, wing linings, throat, breast, belly, & thighs - completely black; rest of wings below - dark gray with fine black markings parallel with rear edge of wing & then going forward across base of primaries; tail medium gray at base with <u>some</u> pale gray "marbleing" - dark gray in middle & black at end, with <del>some</del> very fine irregular black banding thru <u>2/3 of its</u> length. I've never seen such a black hawk. These 71 <del>some</del> birds were seen in two hours. |
| <i>this marbling was peculiar being "fuzzy" + irregular pale gray markings on medium gray. Very faint traces of reddish basal 2/3 top tail.</i> |            |                         |  |
| * Peregrine Falcon  | one        | 5 October               | S of Lake Rathbun; see documentation   |
| - American Avocet   | <u>ten</u> | 14 August               | Hendricksons Marsh   |
| - Black Tern  | seven      | 1 September             | Hendricksons Marsh; most seen this Fall  |
| - Black-billed Cuckoo   | one        | 4 September             | Brookside Park in Ames; last   |
| - Yellow-billed Cuckoo  | one        | 11 September            | Brookside Park in Ames; last   |

- Common Nighthawk 50 3 October Ames; last ones seen. This is the first year I've noticed large flocks flying South. On 22 Sept saw 130 fly over Ames in 2 minutes; On 26 Sept saw 2 flocks totaling 80; On 27 Sept 1 flock of 45; & on 30 Sep several flocks totaling 130 birds going South.
- Chimney Swift three 13 October Ames; last
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird total of 12 seen between 4 Sept and 18 Sept.
- Red-headed Woodpecker have not seen any since end of September.
- Olive-sided Flycatcher one 15 August Brookside Park in Ames; first  
 - four 4 September Brookside Park in Ames; tie most  
 - four 22 September McFarland Park N E of Ames; tie most  
 - one 25 September Brookside Park in Ames; last
- Eastern Wood-Pewee one 25 September Brookside Park in Ames; last.
- One pair nested twice this summer at Brookside Park:  
 3 June building nest in horizontal fork abt 18 feet up in Kentucky Coffee Bean tree. On 3 July adults feeding 2 fairly well feathered young in nest. 13 July - bottom broken out of nest; 24 July whole nest gone.  
 24 August a new nest, in horizontal fork of same tree about 15 feet up, containing 2 downy young. 28 August adults chasing Blue Jay from vicinity of nest - young with wing & tail feathers growing - backs still fuzzy. 31 August piece broken off side of nest and hanging down - nest empty.
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher one 22 September Brookside Park in Ames; yellow throat & breast; only one seen for sure this fall.
- Eastern Phoebe three 22 October Brookside Park in Ames; last
- Great Crested Flycatcher two 21 September Brookside Park in Ames; last
- Red-breasted Nuthatch one 4 September Brookside Park in Ames; first  
 Have seen 1 or 2 occasionally at Brookside, McFarland Park, and State Forest Nursery thru rest of September and October.
- House Wren one 2 October Brookside Park in Ames; last
- Winter Wren - one 22 September Brookside Park in Ames; first  
 - four 23 October Brookside Park in Ames; most  
 - one 24 October Brookside Park in Ames; last
- Sedge Wren eight 8 September Hendricksons Marsh; last seen - rather quiet.
- Marsh Wren one 28 September Coopers Marsh; N E of Ames; had not seen or heard any since 25 May.

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- Golden-crowned Kinglet	10	28 September	Brookside Park in Ames;	first
-	22	23 October	Brookside Park in Ames;	most
-	1	31 October	Brookside Park in Ames;	last there
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	28 August	Brookside Park in Ames;	first
-	26	25 September	Brookside Park in Ames;	most
-	19	28 September	Brookside Park in Ames;	next to most
-	17	23 October	Brookside Park in Ames;	third most
-	1	27 October	Brookside Park in Ames;	last
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	one	11 & 15 September	Brookside Park in Ames	
Eastern Bluebird		Saw more this Fall	than usual for Story County.	
	16	20 October	Brookside Park in Ames	
	15	20 October	McFarland Park N E of Ames	
-	22	23 October	McFarland Park N E of Ames	
- Veery	one	1 September	Brookside Park in Ames;	first
-	one	11 September	Brookside Park in Ames;	last (total of 4 this Fall)
- Gray-cheeked Thrush	one	17 August	Brookside Park in Ames;	early details: shortish tail; head, back, wings, & tail grayish brown; light below, spots with fuzzy edges; very faint buffy on sides of breast; grayish cheek; no trace whatever of eyering.
-	one	22 September	Brookside Park in Ames;	only other one seen.
Swainsons Thrush	- one	28 August	Brookside Park in Ames;	first
	- 15	22 September	Brookside Park in Ames;	most
	- four	25 September	Brookside Park in Ames;	last
Hermit Thrush	- two	12 October	Brookside Park in Ames;	first
	- seven	23 October	Brookside Park in Ames;	most & last
Wood Thrush	- one	22 September	Brookside Park in Ames	
Gray Catbird	- one	2 October	Brookside Park in Ames;	last
	- 24	22 September	Brookside Park in Ames;	most - after 2 days of drizzle - were many Warblers same day.
Brown Thrasher	three	28 September	Brookside Park in Ames;	also two same day at Hendricksons Marsh; last
Water Pipit	- one	9 October	near Tieg's Marsh W of Story City	
	- one	3 November	Hendrickson's Marsh	
Solitary Vireo	- one	25 August	Brookside Park in Ames;	first
	- ten	11, 22, 28 September	Brookside Park in Ames;	most
	- one	12 October	Brookside Park in Ames;	last
Yellow-throated Vireo	- one	28 August	Brookside Park in Ames;	first
	- one	15 September	Brookside Park in Ames;	last

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Warbling Vireo	<del>one</del>	14 September	Brookside Park in Ames; last
Philadelphia Vireo	<del>one</del>	19 August	Brookside Park in Ames; early vireo actions, vireo shaped bill, strong <i>dark</i> line from beak thru eye, faint yellow on sides of breast.
	<del>three</del>	22 September	Brookside Park in Ames; most & last
Red-eyed Vireo	<del>22</del>	22 September	Brookside Park in Ames; most - after 2 days of drizzle - lots of warblers same day.
	<del>one</del>	28 September	Brookside Park in Ames; last
Golden-winged Warbler	<del>one</del>	19 August	Brookside Park in Ames; first
	<del>one</del>	22 September	Brookside Park in Ames; last
Tennessee Warbler	<del>two</del>	8 September	Brookside Park in Ames; first
	<del>five</del>	21 September	Brookside Park in Ames; most
	<del>one</del>	12 October	Brookside Park in Ames; last
Orange-crowned Warbler	<del>one</del>	4 September	Brookside Park in Ames; first - early
	<del>one</del>	23 October	Brookside Park in Ames; also same day <sup>2</sup> at State Forest Nursery in Ames; last
Nashville Warbler	<del>five</del>	28 August	Brookside Park in Ames; first
	<del>47</del>	21 September	Brookside Park in Ames; most - after one day of drizzle; next day when there were so many other warblers the number of Nashv's had dropped to 9.
	<del>two</del>	<i>19 October</i>	<i>Brookside Park; last</i>
Northern Parula	<del>one</del>	25 August	Brookside Park in Ames; first
	<del>three</del>	22 September	Brookside Park in Ames; most
	<del>one</del>	25 September	Brookside Park in Ames; last
Chestnut-sided Warbler	<del>one</del>	19 August	Brookside Park in Ames; first
	<del>twelve</del>	4 September	Brookside Park in Ames; most
	<del>ten</del>	22 September	Brookside Park in Ames; next to most
	<del>three</del>	25 September	Brookside Park in Ames; last
Magnolia Warbler	<del>one</del>	25 August	Brookside Park in Ames; first
	<del>eight</del>	22 September	Brookside Park in Ames; most
	<del>one</del>	28 September	Brookside Park in Ames; last
Cape May Warbler	<del>one</del>	25 August	Brookside Park in Ames; first
	<del>one</del>	28 August	Brookside Park in Ames
	<del>one</del>	15 September	Brookside Park in Ames
	<del>one</del>	22 September	Brookside Park in Ames
	<del>three</del>	22 September	McFarland Park N E of Ames - all these were in the same tree at the same time!! A very good Fall for Cape Mays!
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<del>one</del>	15 September	Brookside Park in Ames; first
	<del>29</del>	20 October	Brookside Park in Ames; most
	<del>three</del>	24 October	Brookside Park in Ames; last

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Black-throated Green Warbler	- one	12 September	Ames; <del>first</del> in Ames;
	- one	25 September	Brookside Park in Ames; last Fewer than usual this Fall.
Blackburnian Warbler	- one	21 August	Brookside Park in Ames; first
	- three	2 September	Brookside Park in Ames; most
	- one	22 September	Brookside <del>Park</del> in Ames; last
* Pine Warbler	- one	24 August	Brookside Park in Ames; see documentation
Blackpoll Warbler	- <del>four</del>	28 August	Brookside Park in Ames; These were adults - looked like slightly dingy spring females. Streaks below quite sharp, <u>bold &amp; dark</u> . early <span style="float: right;">almost black</span>
Black & White Warbler	- two	15 August	Brookside Park in Ames; first
	- 13	22 September	Brookside Park in Ames; most
	- eight	11 September	Brookside Park in Ames; next to most
	- two	25 September	Brookside Park in Ames; last
Bay-breasted Warbler	- two	24 August	Brookside Park in Ames; first
	- 13	4 September	Brookside Park in Ames; most
	- 12	12 September	Brookside Park in Ames; next to most
	- one	2 October	Brookside Park in Ames; last
		Total of 81 between 24 August and 2 October at Brookside Park.	
American Redstart	- one	17 August	Brookside Park in Ames; first
	- 11	22 September	Brookside Park in Ames; most
	- 10	11 September	Brookside Park in Ames; next to most
	- one	25 September	Brookside Park in Ames; last
Ovenbird	- two	19 August	Brookside Park in Ames; first
	- 50	22 September	Brookside Park in Ames; most - first time I've ever seen them in flocks - 3 to 15.
	- two	25 September	Brookside Park in Ames; last
Northern Waterthrush	- one	1 September	Brookside Park in Ames; first
	- four	4 September	Brookside Park in Ames; most
	- one	22 September	Brookside Park in Ames; last
Kentucky Warbler	- one	21 August	Brookside Park in Ames; male
Connecticut Warbler	- one	22 September	Brookside Park in Ames.
Mourning Warbler	- one	31 August	Brookside Park in Ames; first
	- one	22 September	Brookside Park in Ames; last
Common Yellowthroat	- one	28 September	Brookside Park in Ames; last
Wilson's Warbler	- one	15 August	Brookside Park in Ames; first
	- eight	24 August	Brookside Park in Ames; most
	- two	25 September	Brookside Park in Ames; last

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Canada Warbler	- two	17 August <sup>1</sup>	Brookside Park in Ames; first
	- seven	24 August	Brookside Park in Ames; most
	- one	22 September	Brookside Park in Ames; last
			Saw a total of 57 this Fall, much more than usual.
Scarlet Tanager	- one	22 September	Brookside Park in Ames; last
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	- one	2 October	Brookside Park in Ames; last
	- 14	22 September	Brookside Park in Ames; most - after 2 days of drizzle.
Chipping Sparrow	- one	24 October	Brookside Park in Ames; last
Vesper Sparrow	- one	24 October	McFarland Park N E of Ames; last
Savannah Sparrow	- one		<del>Larson Marsh</del> E of Ames; last
Grasshopper Sparrow	- two	1 September	<i>Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> Coopers Marsh</i> Hendricksons Marsh; last
Lincoln's Sparrow	- one	21 September	Brookside Park in Ames; first
Lapland Longspur	- four	9 October	Tiegs Marsh W of Story City; first
	- 300	5 November	<i>Cooper M. - Larson M. area</i>
Bob-o-link	- two	1 September	Hendricksons Marsh; last
Northern Oriole	- one	21 September	Brookside Park in Ames; last - late
* House Finch	- one	12 October	Brookside Park in Ames; male seedocu-.