Field reports, Fall 1985 Jim Dinsmore, Ames

- Common Eider 2 at DeSoto Natl. Wildl. Refuge, 12 November (see documentation)
- Surf Scoter 1 at DeSoto Natl. Wildl. Refuge, 12 November bird seen well and at close range, raised wings and could see it had no white on wings; two white markings seen on side of head
- White-winged Scoter 1 (Steve saw several more) at DeSoto NWR on 12 November. Bird seen well and white on wings and white marking behind eye seen clearly.
- Chimney Swift an estimated 5000-8000 seen swirling around and entering large chimney at Dept. of Trans. Headquarters in Ames from 13-15 Sept. Seen by Steve and Jim Dinsmore, Carl Kurtz, Erik Munson
 This is the largest concentration I have ever seen in Iowa

Two items for possible notes on the flow of migration etc:

- Two Bald Eagles were shot in central Iowa in mid Nobember, one near Ames (fatally) and another near Gladbrook in Tama County, a sad testimony given the protection and wide publicity these birds have had in recent years.
- 2. The migration of small passerines through central Iowa on 21 and 22 September must have been phenomenal based on the tower kill birds from near Alleman. Steve picked up more than 500 birds including 5 vireo species and 20 species of warblers

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Bill Glawe, Aurelia

Bill saw a total of 4 Burrowing Owls on his farm on 15 September and thought one pair acted as if they had a brood although young were not seen. If so, that would be a third brood from that pair or a second pair on his farm. (It was at his farm that the birds were reported during the summer)

White-winged Scoter

A flock was seen at Barringer Slough, Clay Co. on 30 Oct by Jim Hansen, IA Conservation Commission. I believe they shot one from the flock.

Golden Eagle

One was seen in Linn County on 5 Nov by Ruth and Karl Goellner. I have attached their details from their letter.