

FIELD REPORTS--FALL 1985

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WEATHER AND HABITAT CONDITIONS (by Jim Sandrock)

The four-month reporting period was generally cool, wet, and cloudy. August was one of the coolest of the twentieth century (38F at Independence on the 20th) with fewer than expected highs in the 90s. Precipitation was on average normal, but varied from less than 2 inches in the southeast to heavy rains in the northern counties (12 inches at Le Mars). September, too, was the wettest since 1976. Following the August pattern, the northern counties received heavy rainfall, while the southern parts of the state had near normal. Temperatures were typical of September, varying from 99F at Columbus Junction on the 7th to freezing conditions in the west, northwest, and central sections on the 26th. Measurable snow fell early in Iowa on the 28th to 30th at Storm Lake and Audubon. Des Moines reported the earliest snowfall on record on the 24th. The general cool, cloudy, wet patterns continued into October and November. The first general freeze--nearly state-wide--occurred on October 1. October rains were frequent until the last week of the month, while cloudiness was 20-30 percent greater than average. November was the coldest, wettest, and cloudiest since 1976. Precipitation in the form of rain, sleet, and snow exceeding the normal; temperatures for the month were almost 5 degrees below normal, ranging from -11F at Spencer on the 23rd to 65F at Des Moines on the 18th. November ended with blizzard conditions across the state.

The weather was unusual in 1985. The second warmest spring on record was followed by six months in which temperatures were below normal. Precipitation, too, was unusual with heavy amounts a general trend, varying widely in location and date.

GENERAL TRENDS

The fall migration made up for the dull pattern of spring. The weekend of 21-22 September produced a spectacular migrant fallout. A front that was stalled across the state for several days appeared responsible. There were 500 dead birds at the Alleman TV towers including 5 species of vireos and 20 species of warblers (JJD). Martsching, who meticulously follows the spring and fall passerine migration in Ames, saw 20 species of warblers on the 22nd, exceeded his largest count in spring. Further east, Moore had 22 warbler species in Waterloo on the 22nd. Braley and others in Shenandoah made note of this wave in southwest Iowa. In general, more warblers were seen in western Iowa than usual throughout the season.

Waterfowl migration was also more interesting than usual. Hansen notes that a strong front on 28-30 September pushed some waterfowl into Iowa early (e.g., Tundra Swans, Bufflehead) and the bulk of Mallards moved through Iowa on Nov 7 ahead of the cold and snow that moved into the state on 8-10 November. Lakes and rivers were frozen by late November, earlier than usual.

Habitat for shorebirds was not as good as usual at the large reservoirs, but they were found in usual numbers at other locations.

UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS

Accidental and casual species exceeded expectations. Accidentals included Red-throated Loon, Clark's Grebe, eider duck (Common or King), Black Scoter, Red Knot, Parasitic Jaeger, Black-billed Magpie, Sage Thrasher, and House Finch. Most of the species listed as casual for the state (many soon to be reclassified as regular) were seen this fall, including Red-necked Grebe, Snowy Egret, Ibis species, Surf Scoter, Yellow Rail, King Rail, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Burrowing Owl, Prairie Warbler, and Sharp-tailed Sparrow. Reports of Pacific Loon, Ferruginous Hawk,

and Prairie Falcon will be referred to the Records Committee. Perhaps the most spectacular event was the occurrence of all three scoter species and an eider species at one location on one day with the birds in both Iowa and Nebraska (JF, MPr, BPr). Anyone interested in state listing will have to go some to beat that. The Parasitic Jaeger and Sage Thrasher were also unusually cooperative and seen by many. A Barnacle Goose was reported as a possible escapee.

SPECIES DATA

Documented sightings are indicated by an "*". In the species accounts, "record earliest" (or "latest") is used in reference to the date published in *Iowa Birds*; "early" (or "late") means earlier (or later) than the third earliest (or latest) date in *Iowa Birds*; and "first" (or "last") is relative to the current year--not a record date.

RED-THROATED LOON: 1 was found in the last open water at Saylorville Res. on 30 Nov (*SD, *RKM). This is only the 2nd record in the last 10 years.

PACIFIC LOON: A report will be referred to the Records Committee.

COMMON LOON: 1 was early at Saylorville Res. on 11 Oct (SD); impressive peaks included 74 at Saylorville Res. on 10 Nov (SD), 71 at Coralville Res. on 10 Nov (TJS), and 79 at Keokuk Pool on 11 Nov (RCe); singles remained at L. Macbride to 29 Nov (JF) and Saylorville Res. to 30 Nov (SD). Many others were reported in groups of 1 to 19.

PIED-BILLED GREBE: 492 were seen at Saylorville Res. on 22 Sep (SD).

HORNED GREBE: 2 were at Saylorville Res. on 22 Sep (SD); peaks of 41 occurred there on 15 and 27 Oct (SD); and 1 was late at Big Creek L. on 29 Nov (SD); 1-4 were reported from other locations.

RED-NECKED GREBE: 2 ad. and 2 imm. were at Hallett's Quarry n. of Ames on 19 Oct (*JJD, *SD, *PM, EM); several sightings at Big Creek L. and Saylorville Res. from 20 Oct to 7 Nov (***SD, *FLM, *RKM) were thought to involve at least 3 individuals (SD).

EARED GREBE: none reported.

WESTERN GREBE: 2 were early at Spirit L. on 9 Oct (DCH); 2-14 were at Big Creek L. and Saylorville Res. from 12 Oct to 26 Oct with peak on latter date (FLM, RKM); 2 were at Silver L., Dickinson Co., on 23 Oct (DCH); 1 was at L. Manawa on 23 Oct (TB); and 1 was at DeSoto NWR on 16 Nov (JF, BPr, MPr).

CLARK'S GREBE: An individual of this newly recognized species was reported from Big Creek L. on 12 Oct (*SD) and Saylorville Res. on 13 Oct (*FLM) for the 2nd state record of this species.

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: Northern Iowa peaks were noted in late August and early September with 669 at Union Slough NWR on 23 Aug (SD), 900 in Dickinson Co. on 3 Sep (DCH), and 175 in Sioux Co. on 8 Sep (JV); central Iowa peaks were 600 at Bays Branch on 18 Sep (MPr, BPr) and 1,000 at Saylorville Res. on 21 Sep (SD); 200 had reached Mills Co. in southwest Iowa by 6 Sep (TB); singles were late at Saylorville Res. on 10 Nov (SD) and at DeSoto NWR on 24 Nov (PCP); eastern Iowa reports were of 49 at Coralville Res. on 11 Sep (TJS) and 1 at Rathbun Res. on 24 Oct (TNJ).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: At Saylorville Res. singles were present on the first and last days of the period with peak of 1,200 in early Oct (SD); a peak of 500 occurred at Rathbun Res. on 6 Oct (RLC); numbers were down (along with water levels) at Coralville Res. with peak of 143 on 14 Sep (TJS); 200 were at Spencer on 16 Oct (CT); and 500 were in Pottawattamie Co. on 20 Oct (TB).

AMERICAN BITTERN: 5 were reported--2 at Big Wall L. on 21 Sep (SD), singles at Rathbun Res. on 6, 23 Oct (MPr, TNJ), and 1 at Elm L. on 26 Oct (SD).

LEAST BITTERN: 1 at Sweet M. 11, 12 Aug (FLM, RKM); 1 at Hendrickson M. on 14 Aug (PM).

GREAT BLUE HERON: No large concentrations were reported.

GREAT EGRET: 16 on 16 Aug were the most ever for Harr in Dickinson Co.; a peak of 22 occurred at Fisher L., Polk Co., on 8 Sep (SD); 2-11 were found at eight other locations.

SNOWY EGRET: singles were described at four locations--Saylorville Res. on 1 Aug (SD), Guthrie Co. on 2 Aug (*RKM), Otter Creek M. on 13 Aug (MPr), and Rathbun Res. on 29 Sep (*TNJ).

LITTLE BLUE HERON: All reports were of immatures--2 at Otter Creek M. on 13 Aug (MPr), 16 at Willow Sl. on 16 Aug (BLW), 2 at Big Creek L. on 18-20 Aug (SD), and 5 at Forney L. on 7 Sep (RLC, TNJ).

CATTLE EGRET: Numbers were down this year--1 at Keokuk on 3 Aug (RCe, FLM), 3 at Willow Sl. on 29 Aug (BLW), 1 at Forney L. on 7 Sep (RLC, TNJ), 9 in Mills and Fremont counties on 8 Sep (BPa), and 5 in Appanoose Co. on 28 Sep (RLC).

GREEN-BACKED HERON: 1 was late at Ames on 23 Oct (PM).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON: The peak was 31 at Forney L. on 9 Sep (TNJ, RLC); 3 were late at Big Wall and Elm lakes on 26 Oct (SD).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON: Singles (undescribed, presumably adults) were reported from Burlington on 5 Aug (JF) and Willow Sl. on 13 Aug (BLW, TB, BPa); a late immature was described at Saylorville Res. on 11 Oct (*SD).

IBIS SPECIES: An all dark bird was at Union Grove S.P. on 29-30 Sep (*MPr, *SD, *JF, EM).

TUNDRA SWAN: Usually all sightings of this species can be mentioned, but this year there were sightings across the entire northern half of the state including 14 counties. Early records were 9 in Lyon Co. on 23 Sep (Bill Fribley fide DCH) and 4 in Worth Co. on 6 Oct (Guy Zenner fide JLH); peaks were 675 at Lock and Dam 11, Dubuque Co., on 15 Nov (BS) and 500 at Lock and Dam 9, Allamakee Co., on 16 Nov (FLM et al.). Numbers at other localities ranged from 1 to 30.

MUTE SWAN: Singles were in Story Co. on 25 Sep (HZ) and on Marshall Co. farm ponds and gravel pits from 4 to 15 Oct (SD, m.ob.)

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: A summering bird was present at Willow Sl. to 19 Aug (BLW). Central Iowa peaks were 50 at Saylorville Res. on 26 Oct (MPr, DT) and 30 at Rathbun Res. on 2 Nov (TNJ, RLC). Late birds were 1 at Rathbun Res. on 22 Nov (TNJ, RLC) and 2 at Forney L. on 27 Nov (SD).

SNOW GOOSE: A summering bird was at Willow Sl. to 9 Sep (BLW) and the first arrival in central Iowa was at Bays Branch on 14 Sep (SD). On 17 Nov, 500,000 were in Mills and Fremont counties (TB, BPa).

ROSS' GOOSE: 1-2 were at DeSoto NWR on 15 Nov (THK, FLM) and 24 Nov (PCP).

BARNACLE GOOSE: An undocumented bird at Bays Branch on 3, 28 Nov was said by one observer to show no signs of captivity (RLC). The other observer (RKM) indicated that he would not be convinced that the bird was not a barn-yard escapee. Owing to lack of documentation of this bird, the question of the status of this species will not be put to the Records Committee at this time.

WOOD DUCK: 3 males were seen in Allamakee Co. on 24 Nov (FL).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL: 2 were at Princeton A. by 19 Aug (PCP).

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK: Small numbers were found across the state with the first at Willow Sl. on 29 Aug (BLW) and peak of 22 at Saylorville Res. on 10 Nov (SD).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL: The last was in Boone Co. on 9 Nov (SD).

CINNAMON TEAL: A cinnamon-colored male was at Forney L. on 7 Sep (RLC), an unusual fall sighting for Iowa. A bird reported from Big M. on 6 May 1984 (*IBL* 54:43) was actually seen on 18 Apr (MPr).

CANVASBACK: Peaks counted [!] at the Keokuk Pool were 7,500 on 27 Oct and 17,000 on 14 Nov (RCe).

GREATER SCAUP: Singles were shot at Clear L. on 13 and 19 Oct (Lowell Washburn fide JLH); 1 was at Forney L. on 17 Nov (TB, WRS); 1 was at DeSoto NWR on 20 Nov (TB, BPa, BJR); and females were described at Saylorville Res. on 17 Nov (PM, SD) and Story Co. on 20 Nov (*PM).

LESSER SCAUP: 9,200 were counted at Keokuk Pool on 27 Oct (RCe).

EIDER SPECIES: 2 eiders in immature plumage were observed by many at DeSoto NWR from at least 10 to 24 Nov (*TB, *SD, *JJD, *RKM, *WRS, *THK, *FLM, *BPr-MPr-JF, *PCP). The first observers thought these birds were Common Eiders, later observers thought they were King Eiders. The documentations and photographs will be referred to the Records Committee.

OLDSQUAW: 1 male in breeding plumage was early on 11 Oct at Waterloo (FLM); others were 1 at Saylorville Res. on 10 Nov (*SD), up to 4 at Clear L. on 14-16 Nov (JLH), and 1 at Rathbun Res. on 21 Nov (TNJ).

BLACK SCOTER: 1 male was at Spirit L. on 14 Nov (*DCH) and a female was at DeSoto NWR on 16 Nov (*MPr, BPr, JF).

SURF SCOTER: Single immatures or females were at Saylorville Res. on 24 Oct (*SD) and at DeSoto NWR from 11 to 27 Nov (*SD, *FLM, *MPr, *WRS).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: Many more than usual were reported this fall. Early birds were 1 at Zirbel Sl. on 12 Oct (Lowell Washburn fide JLH) and 5 at Saylorville Res. on 17 Oct (THK). Others were 1-5 at DeSoto NWR from 9 to 20 Nov (BPa, TB, *SD, *RKM, *FLM, *BPr); 8 at Keokuk Pool on 11 Nov (*RCe); 1 at Big Creek L. on 23 Nov (*RKM, *HZ); 1 at Saylorville Res. on 24 Nov (*PM); and 5 (2 shot and examined) at Barringer Sl. on 30 Nov (JLH).

COMMON GOLDENEYE: 10 were the first at Keokuk Pool on 9 Nov (RCe).

BUFFLEHEAD: 1 was early in Worth Co. on 6 Oct (Guy Zenner fide JLH).

HOODED MERGANSER: Peaks were 310 at Saylorville Res. on 14 Nov (SD), 220 in Pottawattamie Co. on 17 Nov (TB, WRS), and 85 at Rathbun Res. on 23 Nov (RLC).

COMMON MERGANSER: 1,200 were at Saylorville Res. on 30 Nov (SD).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: 200 were the peak at Saylorville Res. on 10 Nov (SD).

RUDDY DUCK: 700 were counted, one-by-one, at Keokuk Pool on 23 Oct (RCe); 4 were still at West Okoboji on 25 Nov (THK, FLM).

TURKEY VULTURE: A peak of 61 were in Van Buren Co. on 22 Sep (RCe, JPSa) and 1 was late there on 23 Oct (R. Ball, W. Woolums fide JPSa).

OSPREY: Singles arrived early at Ames on 11 Aug (EM), in Louisa Co. on 16 Aug (PCP), and in Polk Co. on 18 Aug (JSi); a peak of 8 were at Saylorville Res. on 22 Sep (SD); singles were late in Harrison Co. on 7 Nov (DBi) and Johnson Co. on 8 Nov (JF). Reports were from 13 counties.

BALD EAGLE: 1 imm. was early along the Des Moines R. in Van Buren Co. on 16 Aug (JPSa); the peak was 36 (14 imm.) at DeSoto NWR on 24 Nov (PCP).

NORTHERN HARRIER: Several were seen in August. A peak of 16 at Big Wall L. on 20 Sep (SD) was an unusually large concentration.

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: Migration peaks occurred at Grammar Grove on 11 and 22 Sep with 41 birds in four hours on the 11th and 27 birds on the 22nd (MPr); 23 were at Big Wall L. on the 23 Sep (SD) and 12 at Coralville Res. on 12 Oct (THK).

COOPER'S HAWK: About 50 birds, more than usual, were reported from 8 Sep to 26 Nov with peaks of 7 at Rathbun Res. on 5 Oct (SD) and 10 at Ames on 23 Oct (PM).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK: On 17 Nov, 1 imm. was at Big Creek L. (*PM, SD), 2 were reported from Lyon Co. (Bill Fribley fide DCH), and 1 was seen in Waterloo (RKM); 1 imm. was at George Wyth S.P. on 21 Nov (*FLM).

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: Singles were seen at George Wyth S.P. on 15 Sep (FLM) and Sweet M. on 16 Sep and 29 Nov (FLM).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK: 1 imm. was at Ames on 21 Aug (EM); otherwise, the first and last were at Saylorville Res. on 9 Sep and 12 Oct (SD); 2,000 were reported from Clinton Co. on 24 Sep (Lewis Blevins fide PCP) dwarfing the second high count of 500 in Johnson Co. on 14 Sep (RDe); a hawk count in Iowa City produced 200 on 22 Sep (RJH).

SWAINSON'S HAWK: 1 was late at Hartman Reserve in Cedar Falls on 3 Nov (FLM).

RED-TAILED HAWK: A peak of 71 occurred in Ames on 14 Sep (PM); 19 were in Marshall and adjacent counties on 21 Oct (MPr). Harlan's Hawks were reported from Dickinson Co. on 16 Oct (DCH) and Mills Co. on 26, 30 Oct (BLW).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK: 1 report will be referred to the Records Committee.

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: The first was at Rathbun Res. on 5 Oct (SD) and the peak was 9 in Boone Co. on 9 Nov (SD).

GOLDEN EAGLE: Many more than usual were noted away from the usual Allamakee Co. location--1 ad. was early in Dickinson Co. on 17 Sep and seen at close range (LaVonne Foote fide DCH); immatures were in Cherokee Co. on 3, 5 Oct (*MMB, *DBi), Grundy Co. on 7 Oct (*MPr), Ledges S.P. on 20 Oct (EM), Linn Co. on 5 Nov (*KEG, REG), and DeSoto NWR on 10 Nov (*RKM).

MERLIN: 2 were early in Sioux Co. on 6 Sep (JV, Del Vander Zee fide JV); 7 others were reported from 6 locations to 12 Oct, with 4 documented (*RDe, *FLM, *RKM, *MPr).

PEREGRINE FALCON: Singles were at Ames on 18 Sep (*SD), Story Co. on 19 Sep (*SD), Saylorville Res. on 21 Sep (*RKM, *FLM), and Rathbun Res. on 5 Oct (*PM); 1 was late in Johnson Co. on 26 Oct (CJB).

PRAIRIE FALCON: Documentations were received for 1 of 2 reports and will be sent to the Records Committee.

WILD TURKEY: Several reports suggested extension of this species to new locations.

NORTHERN BOBWHITE: This species is still scarce in the northern half of the state; e.g., Fuller saw his first 2 in Johnson Co. for the year during the fall season.

YELLOW RAIL: 1 was found dead beneath the Alleman Towers on 21 Sep (SD); 1 was seen at Snake Creek M., Greene Co., on 30 Sep (*RKM).

KING RAIL: 1 was seen at Sweet M. on 11 Aug (*FLM).

VIRGINIA RAIL: 1 was at Union Slough NWR on 23 Aug (SD); 1 was at Sweet M. on 2 Sep (JF).

COMMON MOORHEN: Late nesting occurred at Sweet M. with 2 ad. with 7 downy young and 1 ad. with 3 downy young seen on 11 Aug (*FLM) and 2 imm. remained there on 16 Sep (FLM). Other sightings were 1 at Otter Creek M. on 13 Aug (MPr) and 1 at Big Wall L. on 20 Sep (SD).

AMERICAN COOT: A count at the Keokuk Pool on 27 Oct yielded 31,650 (RCe); 7,500 were at Saylorville Res. on the same day (SD).

SANDHILL CRANE: 1 was described in Dickinson Co. on 19 Nov (Rory Martinson fide DCH).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: Early arrivals were at Hendrickson M. on 7 Aug (MPr), in Chickasaw Co. on 11 Aug (FLM), and at Willow Sl. on 13 Aug (BLW); 1-4 were seen at 8 other locations through 27 Oct.

LESSER GOLDEN-PLOVER: 1 was in Iowa Co. on 19 Aug (CJB); 247 were at Bays Branch on 11 Oct (SD); 100 were at Big Creek L. on 20 Oct (THK); 1 was late at Saylorville Res. on 10 Nov (SD); 19 were at Willow Sl. on 23 Oct (BLW). These numbers are larger than usual.

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: 1 was late at Big Creek L. on 27 Oct (SD).

KILLDEER: Concentrations were 173 at Willow Sl. on 23 Oct (BLW) and 105 at Fisher L. on 31 Oct (SD).

AMERICAN AVOCET: 10 were at Hendrickson M. on 14 Aug (PM); 3 at Union Sl. on 23 Aug (SD); 3 at Otter Creek M. on 25 Aug (FLM); 3 at Forney L. on 8 Sep (BPa); 1 at Saylorville Res. on 12 Oct (SD); and 5 at Rathbun Res. on 25 Oct (TNJ).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS: Barb Wilson agitated a bird in Dickinson Co. on 1-2 Aug (She thought it acted like it was defending territory.). The peak was 71 at Union Slough NWR on 23 Aug (SD); the last was in Sioux Co. on 7 Nov (JV).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS: A peak of 730 were at Union Slough NWR on 23 Aug (SD); a late bird was at Big Creek L. on 3 Nov (SD).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER: The last was at Ames on 25 Sep (SD).

WILLET: 4 were at Willow Sl. on 14 Aug (BLW); 1 at Hendrickson M. on 19 Aug (SD); and 2 were late at Bays Branch on 20 Aug (SD).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER: 1 was late at Rathbun Res. on 6 Oct (SD).

UPLAND SANDPIPER: The only report was 1 at Hendrickson M. on 7 Aug (MPr).

RUDDY TURNSTONE: 1 was early on 23 Aug at Union Slough NWR (SD); 1 was at Muscatine on 9 Sep (GDW); and 1 was at Saylorville Res. on 12 Sep (SD).

RED KNOT: 1 was at Fisher L. on 19, 20 Sep (*SD, *RKM, *JF), providing the 3rd record in ten years (the others were in 1984).

SANDERLING: 1 to 21 were reported from 9 Sep to 13 Oct from 5 locations.

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: 2 reddish phase juveniles were noted at Coralville Res. on 3 Aug (*THK); 244 were at Bays Branch on 20 Aug (SD); a late injured bird was described and heard at Saylorville Res. on 27 Oct (SD). The date for the 3 late birds reported from Story Co. in 1984 (*IBL* 54:113) was 3 Nov (PM).

WESTERN SANDPIPER: 2 in alternate plumage (heavy triangular marks on underparts) were seen at Coralville Res. on 3 Aug (*THK); a late report documented a juvenal-plumaged bird at Hendrickson M. on 4 Oct 1984 (*PM).

LEAST SANDPIPER: 114 were noted at Bays Branch on 4 Sep (SD).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 2 were flushed to show the white rump at Big Creek L. on 15 Oct (SD), one of very few fall sightings of this species.

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: 2-6 were at Coralville Res. from 18 Aug to 11 Sep (CJB, THK, TJS); 1-8 were at Bays Branch from 20 Aug to 12 Oct (SD); 1 was in Appanoose Co. on 6 Oct (RLC).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER: Peaks were 200 in Iowa Co. on 19 Aug (CJB) and 600 at Bays Branch on 20 Aug (SD).

DUNLIN: A peak of 32 occurred at Bays Branch on 12 Oct (SD).

STILT SANDPIPER: 420 at Union Slough NWR on 23 Aug (SD) and 217 at Bays Branch on 8 Sep (SD) were the largest numbers reported; 17 were late at Bays Branch on 12 Oct (SD).

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: Numbers were down this fall with 2 in Chickasaw Co. on 11 Aug (FLM) and 1 at Otter Creek M. on 2 Sep (SD).

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: Numbers peaked with 46 at Bays Branch on 20 Aug (SD) and the last (heard) there on 27 Aug (SD). Juveniles were noted as early as 3 Aug at Coralville Res. (*THK).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: 1 in alternate plumage was noted by 19 Aug at Hendrickson M. (SD); a peak of 94 occurred at Bays Branch on 12 Oct (SD); 18 juveniles were noted at Big Creek M. on 13 Oct (THK); late birds identified by call were in Sioux Co. on 17 Oct (JV), Big Wall L. on 19 Oct (SD), Rathbun Res. on 24 Oct (TNJ), Elm L. on 26 Oct (SD), and Big Creek L. on 2 Nov (SD).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE: 4 were late at Bays Branch on 18 Sep (MPr).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE: 2 were early on 11 Aug in Chickasaw Co. (FLM); others were 23 at Union Slough NWR on 23 Aug (SD), 2 in Sioux Co. on 25 Aug (JV), 5 at Bays Branch on 14 Sep (SD) and 1 at Willow Sl. on 20 Sep (BLW).

PARASITIC JAEGER: An immature jaeger, thought to be a Parasitic by most observers, was at Saylorville Res. from 13 to 17 Oct (*RKM, *SD, *FLM, *CJB, *BE, *THK). The identification will be reviewed by the Records Committee.

FRANKLIN'S GULL: Very large numbers were noted in central Iowa, 2,500 at Rathbun Res. on 6 Oct (THK) and 20,000 at Saylorville Res. on 11 Oct (SD); the last were 6 at Little Wall L. on 12 Nov (SD).

BONAPARTE'S GULL: Peaks were 391 at Saylorville Res. on 15 Oct (SD) and 35 at Rathbun Res. on 2 Nov (RLC); the last were at Rathbun Res. on 23 Nov (RLC).

RING-BILLED GULL: Saylorville Res. had the largest numbers with 2,500 on 11 Oct (SD); numbers at the Coralville Res. were greatly decreased over previous years (THK); 450 were seen in Pottawattamie Co. on 17 Nov (TB, WRS).

HERRING GULL: 2 were early at Saylorville Res. on 12 Sep (SD); the peak there was 300 on 30 Nov (SD).

GLAUCOUS GULL: A 2nd year bird was reported from Saylorville Res. on 30 Nov (*SD).

CASPIAN TERN: 1 to 82 were reported from seven locations from 1 Aug to 8 Oct.

COMMON TERN: Several were reported with varying details--1 at Sweet M. on 11 Aug (FLM), 1 at Willow Sl. on 15 Aug (BLW), 1-3 at Saylorville from 25 Aug to 27 Oct (*SD, MPr, BPr, THK), 1 at Davenport on 27 Aug (PCP, MLP), and 1-2 at Rathbun Res. on 30 Sep and 4, 13 Oct (RLC, TNJ). One listed for 2 Aug 1984 at Hendrickson M. (*IBL* 54:115) should have been two for 1 Aug (PM).

FORSTER'S TERN: Late birds were found at Rathbun Res. on 28 Oct (TNJ) and Saylorville Res. on 5 Nov (SD).

BLACK TERN: A peak of 130 was noted at Union Slough NWR on 23 Aug (SD); others were 1 to 35 from 7 other locations to 22 Sep.

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: 1-2 were noted from five locations.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: 9 were seen in Lee Co. on 1 Sep (RCe); 1-2 were noted at 4 other locations. Undoubtedly more cuckoos than this were seen.

COMMON BARN-OWL: 2 were reported from Clarke Co. on 10 Sep (JF) and 23 Sep (SD).

BURROWING OWL: 4 were seen near the nest site in Cherokee Co. on 15 Sep (Bill Glawe fide JJD) and 2 were still there on 27 Sep (DBi).

LONG-EARED OWL: 1 in Iowa City on 19 Oct (THK); 1 at Big Creek L. by 28 Oct (RKM); 3 at Sweet M. on 29 Nov (FLM).

SHORT-EARED OWL: 1 at Big Creek L. on 10 Nov (SD); 2 in Story Co. on 13 Nov (SD).

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL: 1 was early at Rathbun Res. on 5 Oct (EM); others were found in Waterloo/Cedar Falls, Big Creek L., Allamakee Co., Burlington, and Grammar Grove S.P.

COMMON NIGHTHAWK: Peaks were 165 in Mills Co. on 29 Aug (BLW); 50 at Iowa City on 30 Aug (RJH); 20 in Iowa City on 2 Oct (THK); and 50 at Ames on 3 Oct (PM). The last were 2 in Johnson Co. on 13 Oct (JF).

WHIP-POOR-WILL: 2 late birds were flushed from a windbreak in Pocahontas Co. on 20 Oct (JC).

CHIMNEY SWIFT: 5,000 at Ames on 15 Sep were personal high count (JJD). Late birds were noted in Lee Co. on 14 Oct (RCe), in Ames on 17 Oct (SD), and in Johnson Co. on 18 Oct (JF).

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: Singles were late in Sioux Co. on 18 Oct (JV) and in Iowa City on 23 Oct (Janet Hollis fide RJH).

PILEATED WOODPECKER: Extralimital sightings were at Marshalltown on 8 Aug (Betty Savage fide BPr), Tama Co. on 13 Aug (MPr), and Grammar Grove S.P. on 22 Sep (MPr, BPr).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: 1 was early at Silver L., Dickinson Co., on 2 Aug (BLW); the peak of 8 was at Saylorville Res. on 24 Aug (SD, EM); 1 was late in Ames on 26 Sep (SD).

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE: 1 was still singing on 19 Sep in Lee Co. (RCe).

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: Details were provided for 5 sightings between 24 Aug and 22 Sep--2 at Ames(SD, PM), Iowa City (a non-yellow bird with a pur-wee song, TJS), Lee Co. (*RCe), and Davenport (PCP). Two were found dead at Alleman towers on 21 Sep (SD).

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER: Singing birds were noted at Ames on 20 Aug (PM); at Saylorville on 21 Aug (SD); and in Lee Co. on 8 Sep (RCe).

ALDER FLYCATCHER: 1 was calling at Ames on 24 Aug (SD).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER: 5 were at Big Wall L. on 2 Aug (SD).

EASTERN PHOEBE: 3 were the last at Ames on 22 Oct (PM).

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER: Late birds were 4 at George Wyth S.P. on 22 Sep (FLM) and 1 at Saylorville Res. on 28 Sep (SD).

WESTERN KINGBIRD: A record late bird was seen at close range for one-half hour at Sunken Grove on 20 Oct (JC).

EASTERN KINGBIRD: 30 were migrating in Mills Co. on 5 Sep (BLW).

HORNED LARK: 1445 were counted (by an accountant--FLM) over 9 hours from Fort Dodge to Spirit Lake on 24 Nov and 1520 were counted in Woodbury, Harrison, and Monona counties on 26 Nov (THK, FLM).

PURPLE MARTIN: Speaking of careful counting, Cecil claims 9,000 martins in Lee Co. on 8 Aug were an increase over last year's count. In Appanoose Co., the last were 15 on 3 Oct (TNJ).

TREE SWALLOW: Many counters were out looking for this species and found 200 at Coralville Res. on 18 Aug (CJB) [Was our President trying to set a record low count for this location?]; 3,500 at Big Creek L. on 5 Sep (SD) [Steve counted more birds in Iowa this fall than anyone ever has before.]; 8,000 at DeSoto NWR on 28 Sep (EM) [Shouldn't we give half of these to Nebraska?]; 200 at Rathbun Res. on 3 Oct (TNJ) [Trying not to out count our President?]. Late birds were 5 at Saylorville Res. on 3 Nov (SD).

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: Late birds were 1 at Waterloo on 24 Sep (SD), 10 at DeSoto NWR on 28 Sep (EM), and 3 at Keokuk on 11 Oct (RCe).

BANK SWALLOW: 400 were at Hendrickson M. on 1 Aug (HZ).

CLIFF SWALLOW: 5,000 were at Sweet M. on 11 Aug (FLM) and 1,000 were at Big Creek L. on 28 Aug (SD); 2 were late at Rathbun Res. on 5 Oct (SD).

BARN SWALLOW: 5,000 at Sweet M. on 11 Aug (FLM) is an unusual concentration for this species; 1 was late at Saylorville Res. on 31 Oct (SD).

BLUE JAY: 85 were migrating in Louisa Co. on 7 Oct (RCe).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE: 1 was seen along the Big Sioux R. west of Larchwood in Lyon Co. (*DCH), the 1st record in over ten years.

AMERICAN CROW: Keokuk is trying to take the crow capital of Iowa away from Ames--5,000 were at the riverfront roost by 27 Oct and they had doubled their numbers by 23 Nov (RCe).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: A Sioux Co. bird seen on 10 Aug was thought to have summered (JV). Otherwise, there was an early fall migration of this species, including 2 August records--1 in Pocahontas Co. on 20 Aug (JC) and 1 in Cerro Gordo Co. on 27 Aug (LG); 5 September records were noted.

BROWN CREEPER: Early migrants were in Lee Co. on 20 Aug (RCe) and Ames on 24 Sep (EM).

CAROLINA WREN: 1-3 were in Lee Co. from 2 Aug to 22 Oct (RCe); 1 was at Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. on 20 Oct (JPSa).

WINTER WREN: Reports were of 1-4 birds from 21 Sep to 25 Oct.

SEDGE WREN: A peak of 15 was noted at Rathbun Res. on 6 Oct (RLC).

MARSH WREN: 10 were at Big Wall L. on 23 Sep (SD); the last was at Saylorville Res. on 24 Oct (SD).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: The first were in Ames on 25 Sep (EM) and the peak of 22 was there on 23 Oct (PM).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: In Ames, the first was 1 on 28 Aug, the peak of 26 occurred on 25 Sep, and the last was 1 on 27 Oct (PM).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER: Mid-September birds were seen at Ledges S.P., Ames, and Lee Co.; 1 was late at Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. on 24 Sep (RCe).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD: Flocks of 10 to 20 were common with a peak of 75 at Saylorville Res. on 20 Oct (SD).

VEERY: Singles were noted at Ledges S.P. on 1 Sep (SD) and Ames on 1, 11 Sep (PM); several were in Sioux Co. on 3 Sep (JV).

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH: Details were given for an early bird at Ames on 17 Aug (PM).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH: The first was at George Wyth S.P. on 25 Aug (FLM); the peak at Ames was 15 on 22 Sep (PM). A record late bird at Laurens from 11 to 14 Nov was banded; the bird had a large buffy eyering and non-rusty tail (*JC, RVH).

WOOD THRUSH: 1 was at Ames on 22 Sep (PM).

VARIED THRUSH: 1 was seen briefly in Cherokee on a record early date of 22 Oct (*JEH).

GRAY CATBIRD: Peaks were on 22 Sep--75 in Iowa City (THK) and 24 in Ames (PM); the last 2 were at Saylorville Res. on 20 Oct (SD).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD: 2 were in Appanoose Co. on 20 Sep (TNJ) and 1 in Lee Co. on 14 Oct (RCe).

- BROWN THRASHER:** 25 were in Iowa City on 22 Sep (THK).
- WATER PIPIT:** 1 was early at Coralville Res. on 11 Sep (TJS); the peak was 160 at Saylorville Res. on 27 Oct (SD); late birds were 2 at Clear L. on 15 Nov (JLH) and 12 at Saylorville Res. on 17 Nov (PM, SD).
- BOHEMIAN WAXWING:** none reported.
- NORTHERN SHRIKE:** 17 birds were reported, most with details, from eight counties, all in the northern half of the state except Polk, which is just below center.
- LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE:** 3 reports were from Clarke and Appanoose counties in south central Iowa.
- WHITE-EYED VIREO:** 1 on 13 Aug in Louisa Co. (PCP); 1 on 12 Sep at Davenport (Brian Blevins fide PCP); and 1 on 22 Sep in Lee Co. (RCe).
- BELL'S VIREO:** The last was 1 at Saylorville Res. on 1 Sep (SD).
- SOLITARY VIREO:** 1 was early on 22 Aug in Lee Co. (RCe); peaks of 10 were at Ames on 11, 22, 28 Aug (PM); the last was on 14 Oct in Lee Co. (RCe).
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:** 4 were reported with the last on 22 Oct in Johnson Co. (THK).
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO:** 1 was early on 19 Aug in Ames (PM); peaks were 4 on 14 Sep in Lee Co. (RCe), and 3 on 22 Sep in Ames (PM); the last were 3 on 29 Sep in Appanoose Co. (RLC).
- RED-EYED VIREO:** Peaks of 20 on 12 Sep in Iowa City (TJS) and 22 on 22 Sep in Ames (PM) are not unusual for this common fall migrant. The last was in Ames on 28 Sep (SD, PM).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:** 1 on 8 Sep in Lee Co. (RCe) was the last.
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:** Early singles on 11 Aug at Sweet M. (FLM), 16 Aug in Lee Co. (RCe), and 19 Aug in Ames (PM); late were 1 on 21 Sep in Iowa City (JF, RCe), 4 at George Wyth S.P. on 22 Sep (FLM), and 1 in Ames on 25 Sep (SD).
- TENNESSEE WARBLER:** They were abundant this fall with 20 on 27 Aug in Polk Co. (SD); in Lee Co. peaks were 24 on 27 Aug and 60 on 6 Sep (RCe). A record late bird was at Springbrook S.P. on 3 Nov (*RKM).
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:** 2 on 25 Aug at George Wyth S.P. (FLM) were record early arrivals; 1 on 4 Sep in Ames (PM) was also early; a peak of 13 occurred on 20 Oct in Lee Co. (RCe); the last was on 23 Oct in Ames (PM).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER:** Widely reported with first on 21 Aug at Ledges S.P. (SD); peaks of 20 at Saylorville Res. on 14 Sep (SD) and 47 in Ames on 21 Sep (PM); the last was in Pocahontas Co. on 24 Oct (JC).
- NORTHERN PARULA:** The first (1 on 25 Aug), peak (3 on 22 Sep), and last (1 on 25 Sep) were all reported from Ames (PM). Singles in Cherokee Co. on 22 Sep (DBi) and Sioux Co. on 23 Sep (Tina Van Dyke fide JV) were noteworthy, as this species is less common in western Iowa.
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:** The first was on 20 Aug in Pocahontas Co. (JC). This species was a dime a dozen this fall as peaks of 12 birds each were in Ames on 4 Sep (PM), Lee Co. on 14 Sep (RCe), and Sioux Co. on 21 Sep (JV).
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER:** Peaks were 23 at the Coralville Res. on 11 Sep (TJS) and 8 at Ames on 22 Sep (PM); the last was on 1 Oct at Big Creek L. (SD).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER:** 1 on 25 Aug in Ames (PM) and 2 in Dallas Co. on 27 Aug (RKM) were early; more than usual were seen this fall with 2 in Davenport on 2 Sep (PCP, MLP), 1 in Cedar Rapids on 13 Sep (photo submitted by Ken Thimmesch), and, on 22 Sep, 1-3 in Johnson (THK), Story (PM), and Dallas (RKM) counties.
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER:** A female was early on 24 Aug in Hickory Hill P. in Iowa City and a male was there on 12 Sep (TJS). Another male and female were at George Wyth S.P. on 22 Sep (FLM); yet another female was in Iowa Co. on 26 Sep (CJB).
- YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER:** The first was on 15 Sep in Ames (PM); peaks were 100 at Saylorville Res. on 28 Sep (SD), 50 in Sioux Co. on 11 Oct (Gordon Brand fide JV), and 125 in Lee Co. on 14 Oct (RCe).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: The peak of 10 on 8 Sep were in Lee Co. (RCe).

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: 1-4 birds were seen at 4 locations from 16 Aug (MLP fide PCP) to 22 Sep (PM).

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER: Two reports of this very rare fall migrant--1 in Amana Woods on 29 Aug (CJB) and 1 at George Wyth S.P. on 22 Sep (FLM).

PINE WARBLER: Six documented reports of single birds--24 Aug in Ames (*PM), 31 Aug in Marshall Co. (*MPr, *BPr), 4 Sep in Story Co. (*SD), 6 Sep in Davenport (*PCP), 15 Sep at Sweet M. (*FLM), and 23 Sep at Big Creek L. (*RKM). Another was in Johnson Co. on 6 Sep (JF).

PRAIRIE WARBLER: An adult male in Lee Co. on 27 Aug (*RCe) was thought to be a different bird than one that summered in same area.

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: A total of 81 was seen in Ames from 24 Aug to 2 Oct with peak of 13 on 4 Sep (PM). Other peaks were 8 at Coralville Res. on 11 Sep (TJS) and 6 in Lee Co. on 24 Sep (RCe). The last was on 13 Oct in Johnson Co. (JF).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER: The first were 2 on 15 Aug in Ames (PM); the peak was 10 on 27 Aug in Lee Co. (RCe); the last were 2 on 25 Sep in Ames (PM).

AMERICAN REDSTART: A typical fall migration was nicely shown in Ames with the first on 17 Aug, peak of 11 on 22 Sep, and the last on 25 Sep (PM).

WORM-EATING WARBLER: Probable nesting birds in Lee Co. (see *IBL* 55:96-98) were still present with 2 on 28 Aug and 1 on 10 Sep (RCe).

OVENBIRD: On a big warbler migration day (22 Sep) 50 were seen in Ames in flocks of 3-15 birds (PM); the last were 2 there on 25 Sep (PM).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: The first was on 15 Aug at Hendrickson M. (MPr); the peak was 4 in Ames on 4 Sep (PM); the last was in Ames on 26 Sep (SD).

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: 2 were still in Ledges S.P. on 21 Aug (SD).

KENTUCKY WARBLER: 1 was late on 2 Sep in Lee Co. (RCe).

CONNECTICUT WARBLER: 7 single birds were reported from 25 Aug to 22 Sep in central and eastern Iowa. No details were given for several very late birds in Pocahontas Co. on 24 Oct (JC).

MOURNING WARBLER: 1 was early on 11 Aug at Sweet M. (FLM); the last was on 22 Sep in Ames (PM).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT: Late birds were in Story Co. 10 Oct (SD) and at Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. on 20 Oct (RCe, JPSa). One reported from Ames on 14 Oct 1984 (*IBL* 54:120) should have been 14 Sep (PM).

HOODED WARBLER: 1 female was reported without details on 11 Aug at Sweet M. (FLM).

WILSON'S WARBLER: 1 was early on 15 Aug in Ames (PM); a peak of 8 occurred on 24 Aug at Ames (PM); the last was on 11 Oct in Davenport (PCP).

CANADA WARBLER: 1 was early on 12 Aug in Marshall Co. (MPr); a total of 57 were seen this fall in Ames with peak of 7 on 24 Aug (PM); other peaks were 8 in Ames on 7 Sep (SD) and 10 in Lee Co. on 8 Sep (RCe, JPSa); the last was on 28 Sep at Saylorville Res. (SD).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1 on 20 Sep in Shenandoah (JMB).

SCARLET TANAGER: 4 were in Sioux Co. on 22 Sep (JV).

NORTHERN CARDINAL: The first pair regularly seen by local birders was present after 15 Oct in Lyon Co. (DCH).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: A peak of 25 was seen in Ames on 22 Sep (EM); a late female was at Saylorville Res. on 20 Oct (JSi, SD).

BLUE GROSBEAK: 5 birds including 2 young banded in nest were found on 2 Aug in Cherokee Co. (DBi); the last were 2 on 15 Aug in Lyon Co. (DCH).

INDIGO BUNTING: The last reports were 1 imm. male on 6 Oct at Rathbun Res. (THK) and 3 birds in Ames on 13 Oct (EM).

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW: The first was 1 on 18 Oct at Saylorville Res. (SD).

CHIPPING SPARROW: The last was 1 on 3 Nov at Saylorville Res. (SD).

VESPER SPARROW: The peak was 64 on 19 Aug at Hendrickson M. (SD); 1 was late on 31 Oct at Big Creek L. (SD).

SAVANNAH SPARROW: 35 in Hamilton Co. on 10 Oct (SD) was the peak; late birds were 2 on 3 Nov in Polk Co. (SD), 1 on 5 Nov in Story Co. (PM), and 1 on 23 Nov at Rathbun Res. (TNJ).

LE CONTE'S SPARROW: The first was on 18 Sep at Big Wall L. (SD). A large group was seen by many at the fall IOU convention at Rathbun Res. on 6 Oct with the peak count of 35 (RLC); 7 were still present on 20 Oct (RLC). The last was 1 on 26 Oct at Elm L., Wright Co. (SD).

SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: 2 were documented at Snake Creek M., Greene Co., on 30 Sep (*RKM).

SONG SPARROW: The peak number reported was 34 on 3 Nov in Lee Co. (RCe).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 18 were counted at Rathbun Res. on 6 Oct (SD).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: This species peaked in mid-October with 100 in Polk Co. on 12 Oct (SD) and 30 in Buena Vista Co. on 15 Oct (JC).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 30 were found in Buena Vista Co. on 15 Oct (JC).

HARRIS' SPARROW: Peaks were 20 on 15 Oct in Buena Vista Co. (JC) and 75 on 3 Nov at Big Creek L. (SD).

DARK-EYED JUNCO: 2 were early on 21 Sep at Big Wall L. (SD).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR: There were a number of large flocks reported. On 26 Oct in Wright Co. an amazing 10,000 were seen (SD); 150 were in Johnson Co. on 7 Nov (TJS); 2,400 were in Story Co. on 23 Nov (SD); 1,090 were counted in 3 west-central counties on 26 Nov (THK, FLM); and approximately 1,000 in Story Co. on 29 Nov (SD).

SNOW BUNTING: 2 were early on 28 Oct at Rathbun Res. (TNJ); the peak of 164 in 7 northwestern counties on 24 Nov (THK, FLM) exemplifies the many seen across the state in late November.

BOBOLINK: The last reported was 1 found dead at the Alleman towers in Polk Co. on 21 Sep (SD).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 300 were at Big Wall L. on 23 Aug; the last was seen there on 18 Sep (SD).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD: Reported from 3 northwest counties after 2 Nov as well as "many" seen at Coralville Res. on 22 Nov (CT).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD: 3 were reported without details in Appanoose Co. on 27 Oct (RLC). Details were given for a male bird in Palo Alto Co. on 24 Nov (THK, FLM).

ORCHARD ORIOLE: 1 was late at Saylorville Res. on 1 Sep (SD).

NORTHERN ORIOLE: This species also lingered with late records of 1 on 21 Sep in Ames (PM) and 1 on 24 Sep in Lee Co. (RCe).

PURPLE FINCH: There were several early records this year--7 on 25 Aug in Marshalltown (John King fide BPr); 1 female on 27 Aug in Cerro Gordo Co. (LG); and 1 male on 28 Aug in Lee Co. (*RCe). The peak number for the period was 52 on 20 Oct in Lee Co. (RCe).

HOUSE FINCH: A male bird put in a brief appearance in Brookside P. in Ames on 12 Oct (*PM).

RED CROSSBILL: The only report was 1 female on 29 Nov in Glendale Cemetery in Des Moines (SD).

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: Seen only in Davenport with 1 on 30 Oct (George Holmes fide PCP).

COMMON REDPOLL: 1 on 30 Oct at Saylorville Res. (MPr, BPr); 1 on 30 Oct in Marshalltown (Betty Savage fide BPr); and 6 on 10 Nov in Waterloo (FLM).

PINE SISKIN: A bird seen on 20 Aug in Ames (EM) may have summered. The first migrants showed up on 13 Oct in Tama (NAK); a peak of 12 were in Mills Co. 18-25 Oct (BLW).

EVENING GROSBEAK: A male on 21 Sep and a female on 22 Sep in Shenandoah (JMB) were the harbingers of a major fall invasion of this species. After 14 Oct, birds were reported from 12 counties across Iowa including peaks of 20 on 12 Nov in Lyon Co. (Dolly Zangger fide DCH) and 42 on 23 Nov at Ledges S.P. (EM). Most appeared in Nov and were still present at the end of the month.

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