

Steve Dinmore
Fall 1985

F = first
P = peak
L = last

- Common Loon- F-1 on 11 Oct at Saylorville P-74 on 10 Nov at Saylorville L-1 on 21 Nov at Saylorville
- Pied-billed Grebe- P-492 on 22 Sep at Saylorville
- Horned Grebe- F-2 on 22 Sep at Saylorville P-41 on 15 and 27 Oct at Saylorville L-3 on 21 Nov at Saylorville
- **** Red-necked Grebe- 4 on 19 Oct at Hallett's Quarry, n. of Ames; 1 on 20 Oct at Big Creek; 2 on 3 Nov and 1 on 7 Nov (different bird) at Saylorville
- Western Grebe- 2 on 12 Oct at Big Creek, 2-5 from 24-27 Oct at Saylorville
- Clark's Grebe- 1 on 12 Oct at Big Creek
- Am. White Pelican- F-669 on 23 Aug at Union Sl. NWR P-1000 on 21 Sep at Saylorville L-1 on 10 Nov at Saylorville and 1 on 11 Nov at DeSoto NWR
- Double-crested Cormorant- F-1 on 1 Aug at Saylorville P-1200+ in early Oct at Saylorville L-17 on 21 Nov at Saylorville
- Am. Bittern- 2 on 21 Sep at Big Wall L., 1 on 26 Oct at Elm L.
- Great Egret- P-22 on 8 Sep at Fisher's L. L-3 on 20 Oct at Saylorville
- Snowy Egret- 1 on 1 Aug at Saylorville-yellow feet seen at close range
- Little Blue Heron- 2 imm. from 18-20 Aug at Big Creek
- Green-backed Heron- L-1 on 9 Oct at Saylorville
- Blk-cr. Night Heron- F-1 on 19 Aug at Big Creek P-5 on 21 Sep at Big Wall L. L-2 at Elm L. and 1 at Big Wall L. on 26 Oct
- * Yellow-cr. Night Heron- 1 imm. on 11 Oct at Saylorville
- * Ibis sp.-1 on 29 Sep at Union Grove SP
- Tundra Swan- 1 on 12 Oct and 2 on 14 Nov at Saylorville; 6 on 10 Nov at Big Creek; 2 on 11 Nov at DeSoto NWR; 6 were at Anderson L. from 16-17 Nov, but one was shot on the latter date and the remaining 5 moved to nearby Little Wall L. where they remained until the lake froze over on 23 Nov
- Mute Swan- 1 on 4 Oct near St. Anthony in Marshall Co. frequented several farm ponds and a gravel pit over the next couple of weeks
- Gr. White-fronted Goose- F-1 on 8 Oct at Big Creek P-10 on 19 Oct at Big Wall L. L-5 on 17 Nov at Bays Branch
- Snow Goose- F-1 on 14 Sep at Bays Branch
- Am. Black Duck- F-1 on 7 Oct at Teig's M. P-22 on 10 Nov at Saylorville
- Blue-winged Teal- L-1 on 9 Nov in Boone Co.
- Greater Scaup- 1 female on 17 Nov at Saylorville-white wing stripe and rounded head seen well
- Lesser Scaup- 2 from 20-27 Aug at Bays Branch probably summered; P-1500 on 10 Nov at Saylorville
- * Common Eider- 1 imm. male and 1 female on 11 Nov at DeSoto NWR
- * Oldsquaw- 1 female on 10 Nov at Saylorville
- ** Surf Scoter- 1 probable female on 24 Oct at the Polk City Wildlife Area adjacent to the Saylorville Res. and another female or imm. on 11 Nov at DeSoto NWR
- * White-winged Scoter- 1 male and 4 females or imm. on 11 Nov at DeSoto NWR
- Hooded Merganser- F-23 on 3 Nov at Saylorville P-310 on 14 Nov at Saylorville
- Red-br. Merganser- F-1 on 27 Oct at Saylorville P-200 on 10 Nov at Saylorville

Ruddy Duck- 1 on 2 Aug at East Twin L. in Hancock Co.
Osprey- F-1 on 1 Sep at Saylorville P-8 on 22 Sep at Saylorville
L-1 on 3 Nov at Saylorville
Bald Eagle- F-1 imm. on 22 Sep at Saylorville
Northern Harrier- F-1 on 20 Aug at Bays Branch P-16 on 23 Sep at
Big Wall L.
Sharp-shinned Hawk- F-1 on 20 Aug at Bays Branch P-23 on 23 Sep at
Big Wall L. L-2 on 10 Nov at Saylorville 49 seen during season
Coopers Hawk- F-1 on 8 Sep at Saylorville P-7 on 5 Oct at Rathbun
Res. L-2 on 12 Oct at Saylorville 20 seen during season
Northern Goshawk- 1 imm. on 17 Nov at Big Creek- bird was seen as
close as 5 ft. as we almost hit it with the car
Broad-winged Hawk- F-1 on 9 Sep at Saylorville P-35 on 23 Sep at
Big Wall L. L-1 on 12 Oct at Saylorville
Ferruginous Hawk- 1 imm. on 29 Sep and 3, 7 Oct at Teig's M.
Rough-legged Hawk- F-1 on 5 Oct at Rathbun Res. P-9 on 9 Nov in
Boone Co.
* Peregrine Falcon- 1 on 18 Sep at Ames, 1 on 19 Sep near Sheldahl
and 1 on 5 Oct at Rathbun Res.
Prairie Falcon- 1 on 21 Sep 3 miles NW of Alleman, Polk Co.
Gray Partridge- 17 on 23 Aug at Union Slough NWR
Yellow Rail- 1 on 21 Sep at the Alleman Towers was found dead
Virginia Rail- 1 on 23 Aug at Union Slough NWR
Sora- P-8 on 23 Aug at Union Slough NWR L-1 on 21 Sep in Polk Co.
Common Moorhen- 1 on 20 Sep at Big Wall L.
Am. Coot- P-7500+ on 27 Oct at Saylorville
Black-bellied Plover- F-1 on 23 Aug at Union Slough NWR P-3 on 1
Oct at Saylorville L-1 on 27 Oct at Bays Branch; 2 from 21-26
Sep at Ames were unusual
Lesser Golden Plover- F-1 on 23 Aug at Union Slough NWR P-247 on
12 Oct at Bays Branch L-1 on 10 Nov at Saylorville
Semipalmated Plover- P-18 on 20 Aug at Bays Branch L-1 on 27 Oct
at Big Creek
Killdeer- P-105 on 31 Oct at Fisher's L. L-67 on 5 Nov at Fisher's
L.
American Avocet- 3 on 23 Aug at Union Slough NWR and 1 on 12 Oct at
Saylorville
Greater Yellowlegs- P-71 on 23 Aug at Union Slough NWR L-1 on 7
Nov at Saylorville
Lesser Yellowlegs- P-730 on 23 Aug at Union Slough NWR L-1 on 3
Nov at Big Creek
Solitary Sandpiper- P-7 on 18 Aug at Big Creek L-1 on 25 Sep at
Ames
Willet- 1 on 19 Aug at Hendrickson M. and 2 on 20 Aug at Bays
Branch
Spotted Sandpiper- L-1 on 6 Oct at Rathbun Res.
Ruddy Turnstone- 1 on 23 Aug at Union Slough NWR and 1 on 12 Sep at
Saylorville
* Red Knot- 1 on 19 Sep at Fisher's L.
Sanderling- F-14 on 9 Sep at Saylorville P-21 on 15 Sep at
Saylorville L-1 on 12 Oct at Bays Branch; also 6 on 22 Sep at
Fisher's L.
Semipalmated Sandpiper- P-244 on 20 Aug at Bays Branch L-1 on 27
Oct at Saylorville was injured and seen at 25 ft.
Least Sandpiper- P-114 on 4 Sep at Bays Branch L-1 on 24 Oct at
Fisher's L.

White-rumped Sandpiper- 2 on 15 Oct at Big Creek were flushed to show the white rump
Baird's Sandpiper- F-6 on 20 Aug at Bays Branch P-8 on 1 Sep at Bays Branch L-2 on 8 Oct at Big Creek and 1 on 12 Oct at Bays Branch
Pectoral Sandpiper- P-600 on 20 Aug at Bays Branch L-1 on 10 Nov at Saylorville
Dunlin- F-6 on 12 Sep at Saylorville P-32 on 12 Oct at Bays Branch L-1 on 10 Nov at Saylorville
Stilt sandpiper- P-420 on 23 Aug at Union Slough NWR and 217 on 8 Sep at Bays Branch L-17 on 12 Oct at Bays Branch; more seen this year than ever before
Buff-breasted Sandpiper- 1 on 2 Sep at Otter Creek M.
Wilson's Phalarope- F-4 on 23 Aug at Union Slough NWR P-8 on 27 Aug at Bays Branch L-1 on 8 Sep at Bays Branch
Red-necked Phalarope- 23 on 23 Aug at Union Slough NWR; 5 on 14 Sep and 1 on 28 Sep at Bays Branch
Parasitic Jaeger- 1 from 14-15 Oct at Saylorville
Franklin's Gull- F-1 on 9 Sep at Saylorville P-huge numbers at Saylorville with 8200+ on 8 Oct, 20000+ on 11 Oct and 8000 on 12 Oct L-6 on 12 Nov at Little Wall L.
Bonapartes Gull- F-2 on 20 Sep at Little Wall L. F-391 on 15 Oct, 300 on 18 Oct, and 275 on 24 Oct L-2 on 21 Nov at Saylorville
Ring-billed Gull- 200 on 28 Aug at Saylorville P-2500 on 11 Oct at Saylorville
Herring Gull- F-2 on 12 Sep at Saylorville
Caspian Tern- F-9 on 1 Aug at Saylorville P-82 on 30 Aug at Saylorville L-1 on 8 Oct at Saylorville
*Common Tern- F-2 on 25 Aug at Saylorville P-3 on 5 Sep at Saylorville L-1 on 27 Oct at Saylorville
Forster's Tern- F-2 on 1 Aug at Saylorville P-18 on 5 Oct at Rathbun Res. L-1 on 5 Nov at Saylorville
Black Tern- 35 on 2 Aug at Big Wall L.; P-130 on 23 Aug at Union Slough NWR L-1 on 22 Sep at Saylorville
Common Barn-Owl- 2 on 3 Sep near Murray, Clark Co.
Long-eared Owl- F-1 on 3 Nov at Big Creek
Short-eared Owl- F-1 on 10 Nov at Big Creek P-2 on 13 Nov at Teig's M.
Saw-whet Owl- F-1 on 3 Nov at Big Creek
Chimney Swift- P-7000+ from 13-15 Sep at Ames L-7 on 17 Oct At Ames
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker- F-1 on 7 Sep at Ames
Olive-sided Flycatcher- F-1 on 24 Aug at Saylorville P-8 on 7 Sep at Saylorville L-different singles on 25, 26 Sep at Ames
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher-1 on 24 Aug at Ames was calling; 2 on 21 Sep at the Alleman T.V. Towers were injured
Acadian Flycatcher-1 on 1 Aug at Saylorville
Alder Flycatcher-1 on 24 Aug at Ames was calling
Willow Flycatcher-5 on 2 Aug at Big Wall L.
Great-crested Flycatcher- L-1 on 25 Sep at Ames and 1 on 28 Sep at Saylorville
Eastern Kingbird- L-1 on 1 Oct at Big Creek
Tree Swallow- P-3500 on 5 Sep at Big Creek L-5 on 3 Nov at Saylorville
N. Rough-winged Swallow- L-1 on 24 Sep at Waterloo
Cliff Swallow- P-1000 on 28 Aug at Big Creek L-2 on 5 Oct at

Rathbun Res.

Barn Swallow- L-2 on 22 Oct at Hendrickson M. and 1 on 31 Oct at Saylorville

Winter Wren- F-1 on 21 Sep at Big Wall L.

Marsh Wren- P-10 on 23 Sep at Big Wall L. L-1 on 24 Oct at Saylorville; 1 on 26 Sep at Brookside Park in Ames was at an unusual location

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher- L-3 on 19 Sep at Ledges SP

Eastern Bluebird- P-75 on 20 Oct at Saylorville L-3 on 17 Nov at Big Creek

Veery- 1 on 1 Sep at Ledges SP

Gray Catbird- L-2 on 20 Oct at Saylorville

Sage Thrasher- 1 on 24 Sep at Cedar R. Park in Waterloo

Brown Thrasher- L-1 on 20 Oct at Jester Park

Water Pipit- F-7 on 28 Sep at Bays Branch P-160 on 27 Oct at Saylorville L-20 on 17 Nov at Saylorville

Northern Shrike- 1 ad. and 1 imm. on 3 Nov at Big Creek; 1 ad. on 17, 21 Nov at Big Creek

Loggerhead Shrike- 1 on 3 Sep in Clark Co.; 1 on 5 Oct at Rathbun Res.

Bell's Vireo- P-3 on 1 Aug at Saylorville L-1 on 1 Sep at Saylorville

Solitary Vireo- P-6 on 26 Sep at Ames L-1 on 9 Oct at Saylorville

Warbling Vireo- L-1 on 21 Sep found dead at the Alleman Towers

Philadelphia Vireo- F-2 on 1 Sep at Saylorville

Red-eyed Vireo- L-1 on 28 Sep at Ames

Golden-winged Warbler- 1 on 11, 25 Sep at Ames

Tennessee Warbler- F-2 on 23 Aug at Union Slough NWR P-20 on 27 Aug at Saylorville

Orange-crowned Warbler- F-1 on 15 Sep at Saylorville P-5 on 28 Sep at Saylorville L-1 on 20 Oct at Saylorville

Nashville Warbler- F-1 on 21 Aug at Ledges SP P-20 on 14 Sep at Saylorville L-1 on 6 Oct at Rathbun Res.

Chestnut-sided Warbler- F-6 on 4 Sep at Ames P-7 on 11 Sep at Ames L-2 on 22 Sep at Saylorville

Magnolia Warbler- F-1 on 25 Aug at Saylorville P-5 on 11 Sep at Ames L-1 on 1 Oct at Big Creek

Yellow-rumped Warbler- F-1 on 19 Sep at Saylorville P-100 on 28 Sep at Saylorville L-3 on 27 Oct at Saylorville

Blk-thr. Green Warbler- L-1 on 11 Oct at Ames

Blackburnian Warbler- F-1 on 21 Aug at Ledges SP P-3 on 25 Aug at Saylorville

Pine Warbler- 1 on 14 Sep at Ames

Palmer Warbler- F-1 on 22 Sep at Saylorville P-3 on 5 Oct at Rathbun Res.

Bay-breasted Warbler- F-1 on 24 Aug at Ames P-5 on 1 Sep at Saylorville L-1 on 26 Sep at Ames

Blackpoll Warbler- F-1 on 7 Sep at Ames L-1 on 28 Sep at Saylorville

Northern Waterthrush- F-1 on 18 Aug at Big Creek P-5 on 7 Sep at Ames L-1 on 26 Sep at Ames

Louisiana Waterthrush- 2 on 21 Aug at Ledges SP

Connecticut Warbler- 1 on 25 Aug at Saylorville

Mourning Warbler- 1 on 1 Sep at Saylorville

Common Yellowthroat- L-1 on 10 Oct at Teig's M.

Wilson's Warbler- F-1 on 21 Aug at Ledges SP P-5 on 25 Aug at Saylorville L-3 on 28 Sep at Saylorville
Canada Warbler- F-1 on 24 Aug at Ames P-8 on 7 Sep at Ames L-1 on 28 Sep at Saylorville
Rose-breasted Grosbeak- L-1 on 20 Oct at Saylorville-the bird, a female or imm., was seen well
Indigo Bunting- L-1 on 28 Sep at Saylorville
Am. Tree Sparrow- F-1 on 18 Oct at Saylorville
Chipping Sparrow- L-1 on 3 Nov at Saylorville
Field Sparrow- L-4 on 20 Oct at Saylorville
Vesper Sparrow- P-64 on 19 Aug near Hendrickson M. L-1 on 31 Oct at Big Creek and 1 on 27 Oct at Saylorville
Savannah Sparrow- P-35 on 10 Oct in Hamilton Co. L-2 on 3 Nov at Big Creek
Grasshopper Sparrow- L-1 on 6 Oct at Rathbun Res.
LeContes Sparrow- F-1 on 18 Sep at Big Wall L. L-1 on 26 Oct at Elm L.
Fox Sparrow- P-8 on 8 Oct at Saylorville
Lincoln's Sparrow- F-1 on 26 Sep at Ames P-18 on 6 Oct at Rathbun Res. L-8 on 20 Oct at Saylorville
White-throated Sparrow- F-2 on 21 Sep at Big Wall L. P-100 on 12 Oct in Polk Co.
Harris' Sparrow- F-1 on 3 Oct at Anderson L. P-75 on 3 Nov at Big Creek
Northern Junco- F-2 on 21 Sep at Big Wall L.
Lapland Longspur- F-2 on 10 Oct at Teig's M. P-10000+ on 26 Oct migrating over Elm L.
Snow Bunting- F-2 on 31 Oct at Big Creek
Bobolink- L-1 on 21 Sep at the Alleman Towers was found dead
Yellow-headed Blackbird- P-300 on 23 Aug at Big Wall L. L-1 on 18 Sep at Big Wall L.
Orchard Oriole- L-1 on 1 Sep at Saylorville

Tom - Snowbound all day Monday
G. Brit get in mail

Steve Dichtman - addenda
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- * Red-throated Loon- 1 winter plumaged bird on 30 Nov at Saylorville
- Common Loon- L-1 on 29 Nov at Big Creek SP and 1 on 30 Nov at Saylorville
- Horned Grebe- L-1 on 29 Nov at Big Creek SP
- Double-crested Cormorant- L-1 on 30 Nov at Saylorville
- Tundra Swan- L-1 on 29 Nov at Saylorville
- Gr. White-fronted Goose- L-2 on 27 Nov at Forney's L.
- Am. Black Duck- L- 8-10 on 29-30 Nov at Saylorville
- Canvasback- L-1 on 30 Nov at Saylorville
- Redhead- L-1 on 29 Nov at Saylorville
- Ring-necked Duck- L-2 on 29 Nov at Saylorville
- White-winged Scoter- 1 male on 23 Nov at Saylorville
- Common Goldeneye- F-225 on 29 Nov at Saylorville
- Bufflehead- L-3 on 30 Nov at Saylorville
- Hooded Merganser- L-1 on 30 Nov at Big Creek SP
- Common Merganser- F-1200 on 29-30 Nov at Saylorville
- Red-breasted Merganser- L-3 on 29 Nov at Saylorville
- Wild Turkey- 6 on 30 Nov at Polk City-first ever for this area
- Am. Coot- L-2 on 27 Nov at Forney's L.
- Bonaparte's Gull- L-3 on 23 Nov at Saylorville
- Herring Gull- F-300 on 30 Nov at Saylorville
- Glaucous Gull- 1 2nd winter bird on 30 Nov at Saylorville
- Northern Shrike- 1 ad. on 21 Nov at Big Creek SP
- Fox Sparrow- L-1 on 30 Nov at Saylorville
- White-throated Sparrow- L-1 on 29 Nov at Saylorville
- Lapland Longspur- thousands on 29-30 Nov in central Iowa
- Snow Bunting- F-50 on 30 Nov at Saylorville
- Red Crossbill- 1 female on 29 Nov at Glendale Cemetery

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Short-billed Dowitcher

2 Aug- 1 alt. bird at Anderson L.- buffy underparts, spots on sides
19 Aug- 1 alt. bird at Big Creek SP and 2 alt. birds at Hendrickson
M.- spots on sides
20 Aug- 4 alt. birds at Big Creek SP and 46 alt. birds at Bays Branch-
buffy underparts and call
23 Aug- 32 alt. birds, some molting, at Union Sl. NWR- call and
patchy, buffy underparts
25 Aug- 4 molting birds at Bays Branch- call
27 Aug- 1 of unknown plumage at Big Creek SP (by call) and 2 alt. birds
at Bays Branch- buffy underparts and call
1 Sep- 1 molting and 1 basic bird at Bays Branch- call
2 Sep- 2 of unknown plumage at Otter Creek M.- call
8 Sep- 1 basic bird at Bays Branch- call
20-21 Sep- 1 basic bird at Big Wall L.- call

Long-billed Dowitcher

19 Aug- 1 alt. bird at Hendrickson M.- call and solid cinnamon
underparts
23 Aug- 12 alt. birds at Morse L.- call
25 Aug- 2 alt. birds at Bays Branch- solid cinnamon underparts and
barred flanks
8 Sep- 1 molting bird at Big Creek SP and 2 of unknown plumage at
Saylorville- call
12 Sep- 1 molting bird at Saylorville- call
14 Sep- 3 alt. birds at Bays Branch- solid cinnamon underparts
15 Sep- 3 alt. and 2 molting birds at Saylorville- call
19 Sep- 4 alt. birds and 8 of unknown plumage at Fisher's L.- call
20 Sep- 4 basic birds at Big Wall L.- call
21 Sep- 4 of unknown plumage at Big Wall L.- call
22 Sep- 7 basic birds at Fisher's L.- call
23 Sep- 8 basic birds at Big Wall L.- call
28 Sep- 1 molting, 24 basic, and 24 of unknown plumage at Bays Branch-
call
8 Oct- 5 basic birds at Big Creek SP- call
9 Oct- 1 basic bird at Big Creek SP- call
11 Oct- 7 of unknown plumage at Big Creek SP- call
12 Oct- 94 basic birds at Bays Branch, 14 basic birds at Big Creek SP,
and 6 basic birds at Saylorville- call
15 Oct- 17 basic birds at Big Creek SP- call
18 Oct- 8 of unknown plumage at Big Creek SP- call
19 Oct- 12 basic birds at Big Wall L.- call
21 Oct- 1 basic bird at Little Wall L.- call
24 Oct- 4 basic birds at Big Creek SP- call
26 Oct- 4 basic birds at Elm L. and 3 basic birds at Big Wall L.- call
2 Nov- 1 basic bird at Big Creek SP- call

P.S.- These records represent about 75% of the dowitchers I saw this
fall. The other dowitchers either wouldn't call when flushed or were
not seen well enough to be positively identified.