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BIRDING REPORT FOR "AMERICAN BIRDS" AND "IOWA BIRD LIFE"  
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SPECIES ACCOUNT:

\*Double-crested Cormorant: The only ones seen were twenty,  
by actual count, on 30 Sept. north of Sand Point on  
the Coralville Reservoir (CoR). +

Little Blue Heron: One immature, white-plumaged bird was  
seen at Cone Marsh, Louisa County, on August 12. The  
dark tipped bluish bill and greenish legs were seen.  
Mike Newlon saw the bird at the same time.

Cattle Egret: Three birds of this species were seen at Cone  
Marsh on 22 August and the number had increased to five  
by 27 August.

\*Black-crowned Night Heron: Only one seen, an adult on Sand  
Point, CoR., on 30 Sept.

\*American Bittern: One was well seen in its "frozen" act  
near base of Sand Point (CoR) on 30 Sept. and three  
more were seen flying low over the area on the same day.

\*Sharp-shinned Hawk: I saw fewer of these this season than last  
year, with 8 seen between 13 Sept. and 29 Oct. ~~XXX~~  
were

Broad-winged Hawk: Few were seen before 18 Sept. Several  
large kettles, containing a total of an estimated 400  
birds, were seen in Illinois just east of Davenport, Ia.  
on 18 Sept. In Iowa City on 19 Sept. kettles of 100,  
130, and 30 broad-wings were seen. The above is interesting  
because at Duluth's Hawk Ridge only about 180 Broad-wings  
were counted the first 14 days of September, and 31,000  
passed the Ridge on 15 Sept.

Bald Eagle: Two immatures were at Jolly Roger Rec. Area on  
CoR on 22 Oct. Seen with Mike and Carol Newlon.

\*N. Harrier: Only three of these were seen, between 22 Aug. and  
30 Sept. All were brown-plumaged birds.

\*Osprey: Only two were seen during period. One at Sugar  
Bottoms ~~xxx~~ on 1 Oct. and one just north of Coralville, Ia.  
on 27 Oct.

\*American Kestrel: Only five seen during period.

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Stilt Sandpiper: These were regular at Cone Marsh, Louisa Co., until the water became too high on 27 August. Singles there on 8 and 9 Aug., 4 on the 12th and 3 on 22 Aug.

Black Tern: The largest concentration was 30 at Cone Marsh on 8 Aug. Only a few remained the next morning.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: These were seen regularly <sup>ly</sup> in Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City. Seven there on 24 Aug., five on 1 Sept., and 2 on 12 Sept.

Eastern Phoebe: none seen during period.

Few Tufted Titmice were seen. No Red-breasted Nuthatches, Winter Wrens, or Carolina Wrens were seen.

Eastern Bluebirds: 2 along Prarie duChemin Rd. north of Iowa City on 15 Oct., and about 15 near the Jolly Roger Rec. Area on CoR on same date. 5-10 were seen on north edge of Coralville on 29 Oct. (Other observers saw 20-30 from a different vantage point-Bernie Knight).

White-eyed and Bell's vireos were last observed at standard Hickory Hill Park (Iowa City) locations on 12 Sept.

Philadelphia Vireo: 2 were seen in HHP on 6 Sept.

Golden-winged Warbler: Observations of this species were made in HHP on 6, 7, and 12 Sept. and all were possibly the same bird.

Yellow Warbler: None were seen after the breeding population in HHP departed.

Vesper Sparrow: A rather late bird was seen of 27 Oct. on north edge of Coralville, Johnson County.

Harris' Sparrow: 5 on 27 Oct. and 2 on 29 Oct. on north edge of Coralville.

Snow Bunting: 2 were hanging out with a flock of House Sparrows at Jolly Roger area of CoR an 28 Oct.

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