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A ~~short~~ (Documentation) of rare species  
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I.O.U. Fall Report Dec. 3

1. Species: Black legged Kittiwake
2. number - 1
3. Location - Waterloo, Iowa G.W.S.P. George Wyth State Park
4. Date - Nov. 23
5. Time bird seen - about 9:15 to 9:25 A.M.
6. Description - appeared all white, tips of wings were black, Bird had black feet which are the main details, the back of nose was gray, ~~had~~ black beak and was about 14 inches long and wingspread about ~~30~~<sup>32</sup> inches across.  
note: legs appear much shorter than that of the Ring-billed and Herring gulls and most other gulls in winter plumage.
7. voice - not heard
8. Behavior - it came over a local sandpit next to G.W.S.P. and river in G.W.S.P., it was following ~~northward~~ ~~southward~~ up the cedar River in search of food.
9. Habitat - Deciduous Woodland with manmade lake with island in middle, woodland is thick ~~as~~ all around lake. Cedar River @ 1/2 m. away from lake. It is a very good migration route for Gulls.
10. Similar appearing Species - The Ring-billed Gull and Herring Gull have much larger wingspread. The Franklin Gull does not have black feet and the Franklin's feet extend almost to the tip of the tail. The Kittiwakes feet extended only to the ~~underwing~~.

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10. Bonapartes Gull does not have a dark gray cape in winter. Both Franklin and Bonapartes ~~had~~ have dark gray ~~on~~ backs in winter.

11. Distance - ~~about~~ about 50 feet overhead estimated by sight

12. optical equip: 7x50 binoculars

13. light - sky was overcast; enough light to see marking and colors of bird.

14. Previous Experience with bird; not seen before.

15. Other observers: there were no other observers.

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18. Books: "Birds of North America" by Robbins and Singer, This book had the best description of what I saw while I was in the field.

19. I first studied over the description as soon as I came home on Nov. 23.

Franklin's Gull

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Abbr. -  
George Wyth State Park  
G.W.S.P.

Aug. 1 - Nov. 30 1978

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## Foons through Woodpeckers

Common Loon - 2 at G.W.S.P. NOV. 23-24.

Canvasback - 2 at G.W.S.P. Nov. 26 very low

Ruddy Ducks - quite common through NOV.

All three Mergansers were seen at G.W.S.P.

NOV. 23-26 (T.S. Jr.)

Coopers Hawk - 1 at G.W.S.P. NOV. 22 (T.S. Jr., T.S.)

OS Prey - 1-4 at G.W.S.P. Aug. 10 - Sep. 10. Probably

same birds (T.S. Jr., T.S.)

Red-shouldered Hawk - (3) 1 male and 2 immatures  
near Lansing, Iowa Aug. 7 (T.S. Jr.)

Swainson's Hawk - The Swainson's Hawks mated again  
this year at Hartmans Reserve coming up  
successful with 2 young. They were last  
seen in late Aug. (T.S. Jr., T.S.)

American Bald Eagle 5 at G.W.S.P. NOV. 23-25  
(T.S. Jr., T.S.)

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Just write down birds important -

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Turkey - 5 sitting on log at Yellow River S.F.  
Oct. 22. (T.S.)

Blackbellied Plover - 2 at G.W.S.P. Aug. 14 (T.S. Jr.)

maybe!

Upland Plover 1 at G.W.S.P. Oct. 15 very late (T.S. Jr.)

Bairds Sandpiper - 1 at G.W.S.P. Aug. 26.

who knows?

Black-Legged Kittiwake - 1 in winter color  
flying northward <sup>by</sup> the cedar in G.W.S.P., Nov. 23  
(T.S. Jr.) (See Documentation) ? not yet 12/6

maybe

Least Tern - 1 at G.W.S.P. Aug. 17

Blackbilled and yellowbilled Cuckoos - were both  
very common in Black Hawk County.

Long-Eared Owl - 1 at G.W.S.P. Aug. 31, (T.S.)

Saw-Whet Owl - 1 at Hartman's Reserve Oct 24  
(T.S. Jr., T.S.)

Loons through Woodpeckers cont'd.

Ruby throated Hummingbird very scarce

(T.S.Jr, T.S.)

Pileated Woodpecker - common at G.W.S.P.

(T.S.Jr, T.S.)

Flycatchers through Finches.

Eastern Phoebe - ~~usually~~ unusually common

1-3 at G.W.S.P. Late Aug. - late Sept. <sup>seen</sup> very late on Oct 26. in Waterloo (T.S., T.S.Jr.)

Yellow-Bellied Flycatcher - 1-3 at G.W.S.P. Aug. 26 - Sept. 3

(T.S.Jr, T.S.)

Winter Wren - ① Oct 15 G.W.S.P. (T.S.Jr)

Varied Thrush - The varied ~~the~~ thrush

is back ~~again~~ again for the 2nd year

in a row and is feeding at the

house of Mr and Mrs. Martindale on 1104

West 17th in Cedar Falls. Birders

will have to call to make out arrangements.

It (the bird) has been seen since Nov. 19. and

is feed about 4 times per day.

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Eastern Bluebird - 6 staying at G.W.S.P.  
Aug. 26 - Sept. 3

Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher - 1 Sept. 10

Solitary Vireo - very common at G.W.S.P. with  
5-10 Aug 31 - Oct 6

Bells Vireo - 1 at G.W.S.P. Aug. 26

Philadelphia Vireo - 1-2 at G.W.S.P. Aug. 26 - Sept 3

(T.S.Jr, T.S) Goldenwinged Warbler - common at George Wyth S.P.  
Aug. 26 - Oct 6 every other day. (T.S.Jr, T.S)

Worm-eating Warbler - 1 at G.W.S.P. Aug. 31. (see Doc.) <sup>not in</sup> (T.S.Jr)

Bluewinged Warbler - 1 at G.W.S.P. Aug. 29-30. (T.S.Jr.)

(T.S.Jr) Parula Warbler - 1 Sept. 10 - 2 Sept. 28 at G.W.S.P.

Cape May Warbler - 1 at G.W.S.P. Sept. 3 (T.S.Jr, T.S)

Gray-Breasted Warbler - unbelievably abundant

at G.W.S.P. with 10-40 everyday Sept. 1 -

Oct 6. (T.S.Jr, T.S.)

See → Related Summer Reports

(T.S.Jr, T.S) Palm Warbler - ① July 1 Yellow River S.F. very good look.

Hooded Warblers - ① territorial male at ~~Yellow River~~  
(T.S.Jr, T.S) July 1 ↑

Eggs Mounds N.M.

Prairie Warbler - one male at Yellow River S.F.  
July 1. no signs of being territorial. (T.S.Jr.)