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CONTRIBUTOR: Jc
 SEASON: fall
 YEAR: 1985

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 OTHER OBSERVERS: Washburn, Ted G. LaGrange,
Alan Hancock ; From Northwood: Guy Zenner,
From Hampton: Douglas Janke

WEATHER/HABITAT: describe any unusual features at bottom of page

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
osprey	1	Sept. 11	Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo Co. Alan ^{by} Hancock
tundra swan	4	Oct. 6	Silver Lake, Worth Co. Guy ^{by} Zenner
" "	1	Oct. 17	Ventura Marsh, Cerro Gordo Co. Douglas ^{by} Janke
" "	20	Nov. 13	Clear Lake, " " " (by myself)
dark-eyed junco	2	Oct. 9	" " " " " Ted G. LaGrange ^{by}
white-winged scoter	1	Oct. 12	(5 mi. S of Clear Lake) Zirbel Slough, " " " Lowell ^{by} Washburn
" "	5	Oct. 30	(2 mi. NW of Ruthven) Barringer Slough, Clay Co.
			2 of the 5 were shot by duck hunters - in-hand identification by myself, Guy Zenner, and several others (saved a wing from each)
bufflehead	1	Oct. 6	Silver Lake, Worth Co. Guy ^{by} Zenner
water pipit	1 or 2	Nov. 10-15	seen daily Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo Co. and Lowell ^{by} Washburn
greater scaup	5 (1 shot)	Nov. 13	" " " " " Lowell ^{by} Washburn
greater scaup	1 (shot)	Nov. 19	" " " " " Lowell ^{by} Washburn
			(and have) in-hand identification - I saw the wings of the Nov. 19 bird; Lowell is very familiar with both species of scaup.
long-tailed duck (oldsquaw)	1	Nov. 14	Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo Co. Lowell ^{by} Washburn
" " "	4	Nov. 15	" " " " " " " "
" " "	2	Nov. 16	" " " " " " " "
" " "	1	Nov. 16	" " " " " " (by myself)

Both Lowell and I are familiar with the species. I have spent several weeks with them at Churchill, Manitoba. Mine (on 11-16) was seen in good light swimming 25 yards away.

A strong cold front Sept. 28-30 pushed some later-migrating waterfowl into Iowa early, such as the swan and bufflehead seen October 6.

The largest one-day mallard migration in several years (into, but primarily through Iowa) occurred on Nov. 7, ahead of cold and snow that moved in Nov. 8-10. 9 inches of snow in north-central Iowa Nov. 8-10. This melted by Nov. 18, but was followed by another wintry blast and 4 inches of snow on Nov. 19. Clear Lake froze over Nov. 21, earlier than ~~the~~ average.