

Musgrove
Field notes for spring 1979:

A cattle egret was observed May 5 just north of Des Moines, N.W. 26th St., just north of Interstate 35-80; tan on head and breast and short neck observed.

A prairie falcon at the north end of Big Creek Lake in Polk County, the furthest east either of us has ever seen one; April 26.

OK | Observed were typical falcon shape and flight, sandy brown color, white breast, dark axillaries; distinctly larger than sparrow hawks (kestrels) in the area.

A Bonaparte's gull April 8 at Fisher's Lake north of Des Moines, between Johnston and the town of Saylorville; observed white outer edge on wings; plumage was intermediate between winter and breeding adult plumages; in company with ring-billed gulls.

This spring red-breasted mergansers were more numerous than common mergansers the first two weeks of April; observed several flocks numbering 5 to 14, with 14 the largest number.

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