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SPRING '86 FIELD REPORTS  
by Erik Munson, Ames

- Pied-Billed Grebe -- 1 in c. Boone Co. 13 Mar.
- American Bittern -- 7 at Big Wall m. 10 May called during a storm.
- Least Bittern -- 1 was impaled on a barbed wire fence in Guthrie Co.  
10 May.
- Snow Goose -- 1 at Saylorville res. 10 May.
- Canvasback -- a pair at Morse l. 10 May.
- Redhead -- a pair at Morse l. 10 May.
- Turkey Vulture -- 2 in Boone Co. 22 Mar.
- Cooper's Hawk -- 2 in Boone Co. 22 March.
- Red Shouldered Hawk -- 1 caught a frog on a logjam in the Raccoon  
r., Dallas County, 10 May.
- Virginia Rail -- 6 were flushed with a dragline in n.e. Boone Co. 23  
Ap.
- Sora -- 16 were in n.e. Boone Co. 23 Ap.
- Black Billed Cuckoo -- 1 called at night in Boone Co. 10 May.
- Yellow Billed Cuckoo -- also arrived on the 10th ( 2 at Ledges s.p.)
- Long Eared Owl -- 2 across the river from Ledges s.p. 13 Mar.
- Saw Whet Owl -- the last was 1 across the river from Ledges s.p. 13  
Mar.
- Chimney Swift -- 1 at Ames 16 Ap.
- Olive Sided Flycatcher -- 1 at Ledges s.p. 10 May.
- Great Crested Flycatcher -- 3 in Boone Co. 26 Ap.
- Eastern Phoebe -- 1 at Big Wall m. 29 Mar
- Purple Martin -- Where are they? A near miss on our Big Day and

otherwise scarce this spring.

Red Breasted Nuthatch -- 1 at Ames 25 and 30 Mar rounded out an average year.

Ruby Crowned Kinglet -- 1 at Ames 14 Mar was seen at close range and continually called, "di, it." I don't think it wintered.

Townsend's Solitaire -- see doc.

Veery -- 4 at Ledges s.p. 10 May.

PART TWO, SPRING '86 FIELD REPORTS

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Northern Shrike -- 2 in Boone Co. 13 Mar.

Loggerhead Shrike -- 11 in Boone, Hamilton and Story Co. for the period included 2 nests (5 young; 4 eggs). An adult chased a baby kiltdeer before being driven off by the parent on 19 May near Alleman.

Orange Crowned Warbler -- 1 at Ames 19 Ap.

Yellow Warbler -- First was at Ames 30 Ap.; 15 in Webster Co. 5 May.

Cape May Warbler -- 1 at Ledges s.p. 10 May.

Yellow Rumped Warbler -- The big count day was early with 60 at Ames 16 Ap.

Ovenbird -- 3 in Boone Co. 26 Ap.

Northern Waterthrush -- 25 at Big Wall m. 10 May is the most I've ever seen.

Louisiana Waterthrush -- 1 near Madrid, Boone Co. 26 Ap. suggests that nearby Ledges s.p. is not that unique.

Common Yellowthroat -- about 800 in c. Iowa 10 May made it one of the most abundant birds on our Big Day. They were everywhere.

Canada Warbler -- 1 at Big Wall m. 10 May.

Yellow Breasted Chat -- 1 at Saylorville res. 8 May.

Rose Breasted Grosbeak -- 3 in Boone Co. 26 Ap.

Chipping Sparrow -- 1 in full song at Ames 2 Ap.; many more there in the first one-third of April.

Clay Colored Sparrow -- 13 at Big Wall m. 10 May.

Field Sparrow -- 1 in full song in Story Co. 23 Mar.

Lark Sparrow -- Singing males were at 3 locations on the DesMoines



r. in Boone Co.

Fox Sparrow -- 1 at Ames 20 Ap. was the last.

Swamp Sparrow -- 25 at Ames 16 Ap.

Rusty Blackbird -- 1000 at Big Wall m. 29 Mar. were noisy.

Northern Oriole -- 2 in Boone Co. 26 Ap.

Common Redpoll -- 15 at Ames 2 Mar.

Evening Grosbeak -- The 15 at Ames 23 Mar. dwindled to 2 there 2  
May.

Yellow Rail -- White trailing-edge wing stripes were seen on 1  
flushed in n.e. Boone Co. 21 Ap.

King Rail -- 1 responded to a tape in n.e. Boone Co. 10 May.

19 May - 1 Jun

Louisiana Waterthrush - a used nest in Boone Co. near Lother 24 May.

Bobolink - 30 were in one field, Boone Co. 24 May

Blue Winged Warbler - 1 new bird in Boone Co. 24 May.

Boreal Owl - the breeding colony in our martin house peaked with  
12 pairs on April Fool's Day.

Thank You!