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Francis Moore, Ross SilcockSEASON: SpringYEAR: 1986

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
Common Loon	1	5-13	SE Fremont co. Big Day - Kent, Moore, Silcock
Horned Grebe	1	3-29	CONE Marsh Kent - only one seen all spring
Least Bittern	1	5-11	otter creek Big Day
"	1	5-24	mushrat slough - both answered tapes
Great Egret	1	3-30	Hawkeye wildlife area (HWA)
yellow-cr. Night Heron	1	4-26	HWA
Tundra Swan	1	3-21 to 5-30	cone marsh
Gr. White-fronted GEESE	4	3-9	cone marsh Goddard
Snow GEESE	700 2000	3-9	cone marsh Mark Twain overlook Lehigh co. Goddard
Canada GEESE	1300 3000	3-9	cone m. mark twain area Goddard
Canada GEESE	25	5-24	mushrat slough
Blue-winged teal	2	3-9	mark Twain Goddard
Am. Wigeon	3	3-9	" "
Hooded Merganser	2	3-9	" "
"	20	3-23	swan lake HWA
Turkey vulture	2	3-9	mark Twain Goddard
Cooper's Hawk	1	4-29	HWP rounded tail, large head noted
N. Goshawk	1	3-3	HWA documentation included Goddard
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	3-3	HWA Goddard
"	8	3-9	Mississippi River Muscatine to mark Twain, Goddard
Broad-winged Hawk	4	5-1	HWP This was my peak obs. - not many seen
Gray Partridge	2 2	4-6	reported to me by John Goddard. sightings are about five miles apart (range expansion)
"	2	4-30	
Virginia Rail	1	5-24	mushrat slough
Sora Rail	1	4-16	HWA
Black-bellied Plover	1	5-10	HWA Kent black axillaries, voice
"	1	5-13	Sandy Beach Johnson co. Big Day

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Lesser Golden Plover	250 est	4-30	Cedar Rapids to HWA - 3 flocks
Piping Plover	3	5-13	IPL Ponds Big Day
Am Avocet	1	5-13	Riverton "
G. Yellowlegs	5	4-30	Sandy Beach Johnson co.
Willet	72	4-29	Jolly Roger area Johnson co. T. Kent
Dunlin	25	4-5-20	HWA
"	9	4-25	S of Iowa city Johnson co.
Long-billed Dowitcher	8	4-30	Sandy Beach ALTERNATE plumage even red from throat to rump. spotting on neck, barred sides and under tail coverts. upper parts dark w/ white feather edging dark tail.
C. Snipe	40	4-7	Sycamore slough Johnson co.
Bonaparte's Gull	3	4-16	MacBride Johnson co. small nos. This spring
Common Tern	1	5-13	Sandy Beach dark primary, wedge noted Big Day
Forster's tern	10	5-4	Amana Lake
Least tern	3	5-13	IPL Ponds - 2 Nebraska city area SW Fremont co - 1 Big Day
Black-billed Cuckoo	1	5-10	Amana woods Kent
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	5-17	Palasides Park
Gt. Horned owl	3 4	Apr	2 adt 2 young Iowa city Park 2nd year noted for nesting
Long-eared owl	2	3-3	HWA follow up of 4 birds reported 2-22 - Goddard
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	5-12	Hickory Hill Park (HHP)
olive-sided	.	5-31	HHP
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	5-10	HWA large yellow eye ring - yellowish ^{underparts} wingbars Kent
Acadian Flycatcher	3	5-13	Amana woods (Big Day)
Alder Flycatcher	1-3	5-18 5-10	HHP
Willow Flycatcher	7	5-24	mushrat slough
E. Phoebe	1	3-29	conc marsh area Louisa co. Kent
Bank Swallow	1	4-16	SWAN one small brown bird noted w tree swallows
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	5-1	HHP

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winter wren	2	3-30	Twin View Heights Johnson co
marsh sedge wren	2	5-16	HHP
Ruby-crowned kinglet	1	5-16	HHP
Blue-gray gnatcatcher	6	4-20	wildcat Dm
Hermit Thrush	1	5-1	HHP brown back, reddish tail - pumped
Gray Catbird	1	4-26	Jolly Roger area Kent
Cedar waxwing			flocks from 5-20 all season
White-eyed vireo	2	5-1 ⁷⁰ 5-5	HHP
Bell's vireo	3	5-20, 22 & 24	HHP
Bell's v.	1	5-31	HHP
Blue-winged warbler	1	5-1	HHP
Golden-winged	3	5-1	HHP
N. Parula	2	5-1 & 5-3	HHP
Blackbarian	2	5-9	HHP
Pine warbler	1	5-11	HHP documentation included
Prothonotary	2	5-10	HVA - KENT
worm-eating	1	4-27	HHP
Kentucky	1	5-9	HHP
Connecticut	1	5-24	HHP
Mourning	2	5-18	HHP
Hooded	1	5-4 5-10 5-13	Amara woods Kent Kent Big Day
Yellow-breasted chat	2	5-9 - 5-31	HHP
Summer tanager	1	5-14	Waubensie Kent, Moore, Silcock
Blue Grosbeak	1	5-14	w of Waubensie " " "
Dickcissel	1	4-27	south of Iowa City - Johnson co.
Clay-colored sparrow	3	4-30	Kirkwood campus Cedar Rapids
"	1	5-2	HHP

MAY 9th was the only good warbler day of the spring 1986 in 1 1/2 hrs. The rest of the spring was very slow as was shown on our Big Day - 12 species

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Lark Sparrow	1	5-10	HWA KENT
Le Conte's Sparrow	1	4-26	HWA KENT
White thr.			(both sp until 5-10 HHP & HWA
White crown sparrow)
Smith's Longspar	1	4-7	Johnson co. documentation included I'm not sure how others feel about this but from listening to tapes and previous experience
			I feel this bird's rattle call is distinctive and the bird can be identified on that alone.
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1	5-3	Johnson co.
	1	5-24	Muscatatuck Slough few in eastern Ia.
Orchard Oriole	2	5-13	HWA by bay
Purple Finch	3	4-29	HHP - last sighting
Pine Siskins	1-3	max till May 16	Various Iowa city towns, no luck finding nest
Brown-headed Cowbird	800- 1000	April 30	nesting TAPES on U of I campus
Gray Partridge	additional notes		3 other Johnson co. sightings were reported to me, all in May, a pair of birds same area Johnson co. Muscatine ca. line. This is about 5-6 miles from the 4-6 sighting
Screech-owl	nesting pair		Reg Fleming residence in Iowa City reported to me on 5-30 verified but no count as to young