

Fall - Steve Dinsmore

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Comments

I would consider the fall migration excellent. Passerines arrived earlier than usual and warblers were present longer and in greater numbers than usual (i.e. 21 sp. of warblers on 23 Aug at Ledges). Shorebird habitat was great at the Saylorville Reservoir and in flooded fields in n. Polk Co. Obviously, the gull concentration at Saylorville was great in late November. I saw 263 species during the fall period.

Pacific Loon- *1 on 1 Nov at Saylorville, *1 on 22-23 Nov at Saylorville (RKM, m.ob.), and 1 on 30 Nov at Saylorville (PM)

Common Loon- F-1 on 28 Aug and 1 on 29 Sep at Saylorville P-327 on 1 Nov at Saylorville L-1 on 28 Nov at Saylorville

Pied-billed Grebe- F-286 on 29 Sep at Saylorville L-6 on 30 Nov at Saylorville

Horned Grebe- F-1 on 25 Aug at Saylorville P-37 on 2 Nov at Saylorville; also 1 on 16 Oct and 4 on 1 Nov at Ames L-1 on 30 Nov at Saylorville

Red-necked Grebe- *1 on 29 Sep, *8 Nov, and *24 Nov at Saylorville

Eared Grebe- F-2 on 26 Aug at Big Creek and 2 on 27 Aug at Saylorville L-1 on 10 Nov at Little Wall L. and 1 on 16, 29 Nov at Saylorville

Western Grebe- F-*1 on 13 Sep at Saylorville; others were 1-3 from 12 Oct to 23 Nov at Saylorville with the peak on 2 Nov, and 1 on 3 Nov at Big Creek

Am. White Pelican- F-80 on 9 Aug at Union Slough NWR (BB, PCP) and 71 on 12 Aug at Saylorville; P-1992 on 29 Aug and 4400 on 21 Sep at Saylorville; 54 were still there on 17 Oct and 21 were there on 29 Oct L-1 through 9 Nov at Saylorville, 2 on 15 Nov at DeSoto NWR, 1 on 15 Nov at Ames, and 1 on 16 Nov at Big Creek

Double-crested Cormorant- P-1882 on 5 Oct and 2305 on 14 Oct at Saylorville and 900 on 26 Oct at Red Rock (JSi) L-1 on 30 Nov at Saylorville

American Bittern- 1 on 18 Aug at Polk City W.A. and 3 on 20 Sep, 2 on 24 Sep, 1 on 18 Oct, and 2 on 25 Oct at Big Wall L.

Least Bittern- 5 on 9 Aug at Jemerson Sl. (BB, PCP), 2 on 18 Aug at Big Creek, and 1 on 23 Sep at Cooper's M.

Great Blue Heron- P-221 on 18 Aug at Saylorville

Great Egret- P-77 on 21 Aug at the Runnels Area (JSi) L-1 through 28 Oct at Saylorville

Little Blue Heron- 5 ad. and 13 imm. on 2 Aug at Nebraska City (RKM), 1-2 ad. on 18-21 Aug and an imm. on 25 Aug at the Polk City W.A., and 1 ad. and 1 imm. on 18 Aug at Saylorville

Snowy Egret- up to 11 on 2-3 Aug at Nebraska City (RKM) and 3 on 18 Aug and 1 on 29 Aug and 13 Sep at Saylorville (dark legs with yellow feet and slender, dark bill were seen on all birds)

Cattle Egret- 26 on 2 Aug at Council Bluffs (RKM) and up to 45 on 2-3 Aug w. of Forney L. (RKM)

Green-backed Heron- L-1 on 11 Oct at Saylorville

Black-crowned Night Heron- P-7 on 20 Sep at Big Wall L. L-1 ad. on 1 Nov at Big Wall L. and 1* imm. on 2 Nov below the Saylorville dam

Yellow-crowned Night Heron- 1 ad. and 1-2 imm. on 20-21 Aug at Polk City W.A. (PM) (the adult was seen well; imm. were identified by the dark bill and feet extending well beyond the tail in flight)

Tundra Swan- 1 on 9 Nov and 6 on 17 Nov at Saylorville

Gr. White-fronted Goose- 1 on 2 Aug at the IPL Ponds (RKM) F-6 on 5 Oct at Saylorville; L-2 on 23 Nov at Bays Branch

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Snow Goose- ✓F-3 on 21 Sep at Saylorville; ✓300,000 were at DeSoto NWR on 15 Nov

Ross' Goose- ✓1-2 on 14-15 Nov at DeSoto NWR (small size, stubby bill with blue bumps, and lack of grin patch)

Green-winged Teal- ✓F-1 on 2 Aug at Forney L. (RKM)

Am. Black Duck- ✓P-28 on 28 Nov at Saylorville

Mallard- ✓P-up to 45,000 were at Saylorville in late Nov

Greater Scaup- ✓1 female on 2 Nov at Little Wall L. (EM) (by head shape), ✓1 male on 6 Nov at Big Creek (head shape, white wing stripe), and up to ✓14 on 24-29 Nov at Big Creek (PM) (head shape, white wing stripe, large bill nail)

Oldsquaw- *1 female on 10 Nov at Saylorville and another *female on 28 Nov at Saylorville

Surf Scoter- *1 female on 11 Nov at the Polk City Wildlife Area

Black Scoter- *2 females on 12 Nov at Big Creek (1 was shot and is at ISU)

White-winged Scoter- *1 female on 19 Oct at Saylorville, 4 on 2 Nov at Saylorville, 1 male on 10 Nov below the Saylorville dam, 1 female on 11 Nov at Saylorville, 1 male on 12 Nov at Little Wall L., 1 female on 12, 13, 16 Nov at Big Creek, and 1 female on 15 Nov at DeSoto NWR

Bufflehead- ✓F-1 on 9 Oct at Big Creek

Hooded Merganser- F-4 on 1 Nov at Saylorville ✓P-361 on 10 Nov at Saylorville L-18 on 30 Nov at Saylorville

Common Merganser- F-2 on 2 Nov at Saylorville P-✓4000+ on 24-30 Nov at Saylorville

Red-breasted Merganser- F-6 on 2 Nov at Little Wall L. L-3 at Big Creek and 1 at Saylorville on 30 Nov

Ruddy Duck- L-1 on 30 Nov at Big Creek

Turkey Vulture- L-✓1 on 12 Oct at Saylorville and 2 ✓on 18 Oct in Van Buren Co. (Bart Ballard fide SD)

Osprey- F-singles on ✓14 Aug (PM, EM) and 17 ✓Aug at Saylorville P-✓4 on 13 Sep and 5 on ✓21 Sep at Saylorville L-1 ✓on 26 Oct at Red Rock (JSi)

Bald Eagle- F-✓1 imm. on 29 Sep at Saylorville

Northern Harrier- P-✓6 on 24 Oct in Polk Co.

Sharp-shinned Hawk- F-1 on 22 Aug at Ledges P-✓128 on 21 Sep in Polk Co. L-✓1 on 16 Nov at Big Creek

Cooper's Hawk- F-1 ✓on 11 Aug at Ames ✓P-37 on 21 Sep in Polk Co.

Northern Goshawk- *1 ad. on 6 Nov at Saylorville and *1 ad. on 9 Nov s. of Ames

Broad-winged Hawk- F-4 ✓on 18 Aug at Ledges (EM) P-✓297 on 21 Sep in Polk Co. and 1500 ✓on 28 Sep at Ames (Dave Edwards fide SD)

Swainson's Hawk- 1 on ✓2 Aug at Nebraska City (RKM) and 1 ✓on 4 Oct in Polk Co.

Red-tailed Hawk- P-✓78 on 28 Sep in central Iowa

Rough-legged Hawk- F-1 ✓on 28 Sep at Saylorville

American Kestrel- P-42 ✓on 28 Sep in Polk Co.

Merlin- *1 on 13 Sep at Saylorville, **1 on 15, 16 Sep at Ames, *1 on 28 Sep at Dunbar Sl., *1 on 3 Oct at Big Creek, and *1 on 27 Nov at Saylorville (PM)

Peregrine Falcon- *1 on 20 Sep at Big Wall L., ***3 on 21 Sep in Polk Co., *1 on 28 Sep at Madrid, *1 on 1 Oct at Ames, and *1 on 3 Oct at Big Creek

Yellow Rail- *1 on 23 Sep at Larson's M.

King Rail- *1 on 14 Sep at Big Wall L.

Virginia Rail- F-2 on ✓12 Aug at Big Creek P-5 ✓on 20 Sep at Big Wall L. L-2 on 18 Oct, 1 on 25 Oct, and 1 on 1 Nov at Big Wall L.

- Sora- P-40 on 20 Sep at Big Wall L. L-1 on 18 Oct and 2 on 25 Oct at Big Wall L.
- Common Moorhen- 1 on 2 Aug at Willow Sl. (RKM), 6 on 9 Aug at Union Slough NWR (BB, PCP), and 4 on 9 Aug and 1 on 14, 20, 24 Sep at Big Wall L. (BB, PCP)
- American Coot- P-4600 on 9 Oct at Saylorville L-3 on 30 Nov at Big Creek
- Sandhill Crane- 1 on 22 Nov at the Polk City Wildlife Area (BJR, BPa, LPa, JJD, RKM)
- Black-bellied Plover- F-1 on 5 Aug at Saylorville and 1 on 17 Aug in n. Polk Co. P-32 on 18 Sep at Saylorville; others were 1 on 24-26 Aug in n. Polk Co., 7 on 27 Aug at Saylorville, 7 on 13 Sep at Saylorville, and 2 on 30 Sep in Story Co. (PM) L-1 on 22 Oct at Saylorville and 2 on 11 Nov in n. Polk Co.
- Lesser Golden Plover- F-1 on 5 Aug in n. Polk Co. P-188 on 27 Sep in n. Polk Co. and 58 on 23 Oct in Hamilton Co. L-1 on 11 Nov in n. Polk Co.
- Semipalmated Plover- P-28 on 5 Aug in Polk Co. L-1 on 9 Oct in n. Polk Co.
- Piping Plover- 3 on 2 Aug at the IPL Ponds and 1 there the next day (RKM)
- Killdeer- P-279 on 28 Sep in n. Polk Co.
- American Avocet- 22 on 12 Aug at Saylorville and 1 on 25 Aug in n. Polk Co.
- Greater Yellowlegs- P-46 on 6 Aug in n. Polk Co. L-1 on 15 Nov at DeSoto NWR
- Lesser Yellowlegs- P-553 on 5 Aug in n. Polk Co. L-1 on 6 Nov in n. Polk Co.
- Solitary Sandpiper- P-8 on 18 Aug in n. Polk Co. L-2 on 5 Oct in n. Polk Co.
- Willet- 1 on 2 Aug at Willow Sl. (RKM) and up to 12 on 5-6 Aug in n. Polk Co.
- Spotted Sandpiper- L-1 on 15 Oct at Big Creek
- Upland Sandpiper- 1 on 2 Aug in Fremont Co. (RKM)
- Red Knot- *2 on 5 Aug at the Oak Grove Beach at Saylorville Reservoir and *1 on 5-6 Aug at the Cherry Glen Recreation Area of the Saylorville Reservoir (RKM)
- Ruddy Turnstone- 1 on 8, 10 Sep, 2 on 13 Sep, 1 on 18 Sep, and 1 on 28 Sep at Saylorville and 1 on 29 Sep in n. Polk Co. (at least 5 different birds)
- Sanderling- 6 on 2 Aug at the IPL Ponds (RKM), 1 on 3 Aug at Nebraska City (RKM), 1 on 3 Aug at Oakland, Pottawatomie Co. (RKM), and present from 5 Aug to 21 Oct at Saylorville with a peak of 49 on 11 Sep L-1 on 6 Nov at Big Creek
- Semipalmated Sandpiper- P-282 on 5 Aug in n. Polk Co. L-1 on 19 Oct in n. Polk Co.
- Western Sandpiper- 2 on 26 Aug at Saylorville (long, drooping bill and call note) and *2 on 30 Sep in Story Co. (PM)
- Least Sandpiper- P-81 on 5 Aug in n. Polk Co. L-1 on 2, 11 Nov in n. Polk Co. and 1 on 17 Nov at Saylorville (yellow legs seen well)
- Baird's Sandpiper- 2-5 on 2-3 Aug at the IPL Ponds (RKM), 1 on 23 Aug and 9 Sep at Ames, present from 25 Aug to 18 Sep at Saylorville with a peak of 61 on 9 Sep, and 1-7 from 6-17 Oct in n. Polk Co. L-1 on 27 Oct in n. Polk Co.
- Pectoral Sandpiper- P-1781 on 19 Aug in n. Polk Co. L-1 on 7 Nov at Big Creek, 2 on 11 Nov in n. Polk Co., and 1 on 18 Nov at Big Creek

- Dunlin- F-1 on 28 Aug at Saylorville P-30 on 11 Nov at Saylorville L-1 on 16 Nov at Saylorville
- Stilt Sandpiper- P-53 on 13 Sep at Saylorville L-1 on 13 Oct in Hamilton Co.
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper- 2 on 2 Aug at the IPL Ponds(RKM), 4 on 5 Aug in n. Polk Co., 1 on 10 Aug at Saylorville(EM), 1-2 on 24-27 Aug in n. Polk Co., and 1-2 on 10, 11, 13, 17(PM), and 29 Sep at Saylorville(at least 15 different birds)
- Short-billed Dowitcher- L-1 juvenile bird on 4 Oct in n. Polk Co.(had been present for 8-10 days; call note heard many times)
- Long-billed Dowitcher- F-1 in alternate plumage on 7 Aug in n. Polk Co. P-41 on 11 Oct in n. Polk Co. L-3 on 6 Nov in n. Polk Co.(flushed to hear call note)
- American Woodcock- 1 on 24 Oct at Ames(only one seen all fall!)
- Wilson's Phalarope- P-5 on 24 Aug at Saylorville L-1 on 21 Sep at Big Creek
- Red-necked Phalarope- 1 on 17 Aug in n. Polk Co., 1-2 on 26-27 Aug at Saylorville, 2 on 27 Aug in n. Polk Co., 30 on 1 Sep at Big Creek, 1 on 2 Sep in n. Polk Co., 1 on 3 Sep at Saylorville, 1 on 17 Sep at Big Creek(PM), and 1 on 4 Oct in n. Polk Co.
- phalarope sp.(Red/Red-necked)- L-1 on 13 Oct in Hamilton Co.
- Franklin's Gull- F-1 on 5 Aug at Saylorville P-37,840 on 9 Oct at Saylorville L-5 on 10 Nov at Little Wall L. and 1 on 28 Nov at Saylorville
- Bonaparte's Gull- F-1 imm. on 11 Aug at Saylorville(MPr,MDx) P-539 on 17 Oct at Saylorville; 1 on 6 Oct and 13 on 1 Nov at Ames were unusual L-1 on 30 Nov at Saylorville
- Ring-billed Gull- 185 on 21 Aug at Red Rock Res.(JSi); P-up to 8000+ in late Nov at Saylorville; 6000 were still at Saylorville on 30 Nov(PM)
- Herring Gull- F-1 first year bird on 21 Sep at Saylorville P-475 on 30 Nov at Saylorville
- Glaucous Gull- *up to 4 first year birds and a second year bird after 22 Nov at Saylorville(m.ob)
- Thayer's Gull- *6+ first year birds from 23-30 Nov at Saylorville(m.ob.)
- Lesser Black-backed Gull- *1 ad. on 29 Nov at Saylorville(PW,MBR,TB,BLW,BE)
- Great Black-backed Gull- *1 2nd winter bird on 30 Nov at Saylorville(PM)
- Sabine's Gull- *1 juvenile bird on 5 Oct at Saylorville
- Caspian Tern- F-6 on 5 Aug at Saylorville P-321 on 13 Sep at Saylorville L-1 on 12 Oct at Saylorville
- Common Tern- *1-11 from 5 Aug to 27 Oct at Saylorville with a peak of 11 on 29 Sep; also 2 on 9 Aug at Union Slough NWR(BB,PCP)
- Forster's Tern- P-82 on 24 Aug at Saylorville L-3 on 17 Oct and 2 on 27 Oct at Saylorville
- Least Tern- 1 on 2-3 Aug at the IPL Ponds(RKM) and an *ad. on 21 Aug at Saylorville
- Black Tern- P-19 on 25 Aug at Big Creek; L-3 were still at Big Creek on 21 Sep and 1 was at Saylorville on 26-28 Sep
- Black-billed Cuckoo- L-1 on 27 Sep at Saylorville and 2 on 17 Oct in Van Buren Co.(Bart Ballard fide SD; the birds had dark bills and lacked the rusty wing coverts of Yellow-billed Cuckoos)
- Snowy Owl- 1 imm. on 13 Nov at Saylorville(BB)
- Long-eared Owl- 1-3 were at Big Creek after 27 Oct and 1 on 28 Nov in

Boone Co.

- Short-eared Owl- 1-2 after 10 Nov at Big Creek and 3 on 15 Nov at Teig's M.
- N. Saw-whet Owl- F-1 on 8 Oct in Boone Co.; others were 1-2 after 29 Oct in Boone Co and 2 after 3 Nov at Ledges
- Common Nighthawk- hundreds were migrating through central Iowa on 1-2 Sep(EM) L-2 on 10 Oct in Ames
- Chimney Swift- L-3 on 21 Oct at Ames and 1 on 26 Oct in Warren Co.
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird- P-5 on 23 Aug at Ledges
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker- L-2 on 29 Nov at Saylorville
- Olive-sided Flycatcher- F-1 on 14 Aug at Saylorville(PM,EM) P-3 on 18 Aug at Ledges(EM)
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher- F-1 on 21 Aug at Ledges(identified by the solid yellow belly and undertail coverts)
- Western Kingbird- 7 on 3 Aug in SW Iowa(RKM)
- Tree Swallow- P-6500 on 28 Sep at Big Creek L-10 on 2 Nov at Saylorville and 2 on 3 Nov at Big Creek
- Red-breasted Nuthatch- 1-2 were in Ames after 26 Aug(PM,EM)
- Brown Creeper- F-1 on 21 Sep at Ledges
- Sedge Wren- L-1 on 20 Oct at Cooper's M.
- Marsh Wren- L-1 on 25 Oct at Big Wall L.
- Rock Wren- 1 on 22-30 Nov on the Saylorville dam(BJR,BPa,LPa,m.ob)
- Golden-crowned Kinglet- F-1 on 7 Sep at George Wyth S.P. P-130 on 3 Oct in Polk Co.
- Eastern Bluebird- P-84 on 12 Oct in Polk Co.
- Townsend's Solitaire- *1 on 29 Oct in Boone Co.
- Veery- 1 on 18 Aug at Ledges(EM)
- Swainson's Thrush- F-1 on 18 Aug at Ledges(EM) P-5 on 1 Sep at Ledges(EM) L-2 on 1 Oct at Ames
- Hermit Thrush- F-1 on 21 Sep at Ledges L-1 on 19 Oct at Saylorville
- Wood Thrush- 1 on 22 Aug and 1 Sep at Ledges(EM)
- Brown Thrasher- L-1 on 19 Oct at Saylorville
- Water Pipit- F-2 on 8 Sep at Saylorville P-71 on 25 Oct at Big Wall L. L-2 on 17,21 Nov at Saylorville
- Bohemian Waxwing- *1 on 23 Nov at Saylorville and *1 on 28 Nov in Boone Co.
- Northern Shrike- F-*1 ad. on 20 Oct at Cooper's M.; others were 1 ad. on 23 Oct in Hamilton Co., 1 ad. on 26 Oct at Saylorville, 1 ad. on 12 Nov at Big Creek, and 1 ad. on 15 Nov w. of Denison
- Loggerhead Shrike- 1 on 8-18 Sep and 13 Oct near Big Creek and 1 on 12 Oct in n. Polk Co.
- Bell's Vireo- 1 on 14 Aug at Saylorville(PM,EM)
- Solitary Vireo- F-1 on 23 Aug at Ledges P-26 on 30 Sep at Ames
- Philadelphia Vireo- F-1 on 18 Aug at Ledges(EM) P-4 on 1 Sep at Ledges(EM) L-1 on 28 Sep at Ledges and 1 dead on 4 Oct at Alleman
- Red-eyed Vireo- P-36 on 1 Sep at Ledges(EM) L-1 on 6 Oct at Ames: 228 seen for fall
- Golden-winged Warbler- F-3 on 16 Aug at Ames P-7 on 18 Aug(EM) and 14 on 23 Aug at Ledges: 26 seen for fall
- Tennessee Warbler- F-1 on 13 Aug at Ames P-35 on 23 Aug at Ledges L-1 on 10 Oct at Saylorville
- Orange-crowned Warbler- F-*1 on 22 Aug at Ledges(EM) P-11 on 19 Oct at Saylorville L-1 on 26 Oct at Saylorville
- Nashville Warbler- F-1 on 14 Aug at Ames and 1 on 18 Aug(EM) at Ledges P-37 on 13 Sep at Saylorville L-1 on 14 Oct at Saylorville
- Northern Parula- F-3 on 23 Aug at Ledges P-4 on 7 Sep at George Wyth

SP L-1 on 28 Sep at Ledges
 Yellow Warbler- 1 on 30 Aug at Saylorville(only one seen)
 Chestnut-sided Warbler- F-1 on 16 Aug at Ames P-72 on 23 Aug at Ledges L-1 on 5 Oct at Saylorville
 Magnolia Warbler- F-1 on 14 Aug at Saylorville(PM,EM) P-19 on 22 Aug at Ledges(EM) L-1 on 30 Sep at Ames
 Cape May Warbler- F-1 on 16 Aug at Ames and 3 on 20 Aug at Ledges P-8 on 21 Aug at Glendale Cemetery and up to 17 from 22 Aug to 3 Oct at Ames; also 1 on 30 Aug, 4 on 1 Sep, and 1 on 13 Sep at Ledges(EM), 1 on 7 Sep at George Wyth SP, and 1 on 20 Sep at Big Wall L.: 129 seen for fall
 Black-throated Blue Warbler- *1 male on 23 Aug at Ledges, a *male and a female on 21 Sep at Ledges, and *1 male on 30 Sep at Ames
 Yellow-rumped Warbler- F-different birds at Ames on 24 Aug(EM), 26 Aug, and 31 Aug L-1 on 3 Nov in Boone Co.
 Black-throated Green Warbler- F-1 on 16 Aug at Ames and 2 on 21 Aug at Glendale Cemetery P-11 on 21 Sep at Ledges L-1 on 5 Oct at Saylorville: 52 seen for fall
 Blackburnian Warbler- F-2 on 16 Aug at Ames P-25 on 23 Aug at Ledges L-1 dead on 4 Oct at Alleman: 88 seen for fall
 Pine Warbler- **1 on 4(EM), 15 Sep at the State Forest Nursery in Ames, *1 on 28 Sep at Ledges, and 1 dead on 4 Oct at Alleman(specimen at ISU)
 Palm Warbler- F-1 on 13 Sep at Saylorville L-1 on 6 Oct at Ames(PM)
 Bay-breasted Warbler- F-1 on 15 Aug at Ames P-52 on 23 Aug at Ledges L-1 on 4 Oct at Saylorville: 264 seen for fall
 Blackpoll Warbler- F-1 on 21 Aug at Glendale Cemetery P-3 on 1 Sep at Ledges(EM) L-1 on 21 Sep at Ledges: 15 seen for fall
 Black-and-white Warbler- F-1 on 13 Aug at Ames P-48 on 23 Aug at Ledges L-1 on 1 Oct at Ames
 American Redstart- L-1 on 3 Oct at Saylorville
 Ovenbird- L-2 on 1 Oct at Ames and 2 dead on 4 Oct at Alleman
 Northern Waterthrush- F-1 on 11 Aug at the Polk City W.A. L-1 dead on 4 Oct at Alleman
 Kentucky Warbler- 1 on 23 Aug at Ledges
 Mourning Warbler- F-1 on 18 Aug at Ledges P-3 on 23 Aug at Ledges L-1 on 30 Sep at Ames(PM): 9 seen for fall
 Common Yellowthroat- L-1 on 11 Oct at Saylorville
 Wilson's Warbler- F-1 on 14 Aug at Ames P-6 on 18 Aug at Ledges
 Canada Warbler- F-2 on 14 Aug at Ames P-16 on 23 Aug at Ledges L-1 on 28 Sep at Big Creek: 53 seen for fall
 Scarlet Tanager- 1 on 18 Aug(EM) 2 on 1 Sep(EM), and 1 on 28 Sep at Ledges and 1 on 15-16 Sep at Ames
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak- L-1 female on 11 Oct at Big Creek
 Indigo Bunting- L-1 imm. male on 19 Oct at Big Creek
 Blue Grosbeak- 9 on 3 Aug in SW Iowa(RKM)
 Clay-colored Sparrow- 2 on 27 Sep at Saylorville and 1 dead on 4 Oct at Alleman
 Vesper Sparrow- L-2 on 30 Oct in n. Polk Co.
 Lark Sparrow- L-1 on 13 Sep near Ledges(JJD)
 Savannah Sparrow- L-2 on 2 Nov in n. Polk Co.
 Sharp-tailed Sparrow- *1 on 14 Sep at Big Wall L.
 Le Conte's Sparrow- F-6 on 14 Sep at Big Wall L. P-8 on 20 Oct at Cooper's M.
 Fox Sparrow- F-2 on 27 Sep at Saylorville
 Lincoln's Sparrow- F-6 on 27 Sep at Saylorville L-1 on 29 Nov at

Saylorville

- White-crowned Sparrow- F-1 on 27 Sep at Saylorville
- Harris' Sparrow- F-1 on 21 Sep at Saylorville
- Dark-eyed Junco- F-1 on 21 Sep at Saylorville
- Lapland Longspur- F-1 on 4 Oct at Saylorville P-1250 on 30 Oct in n. Polk Co.
- Snow Bunting- F-1 on 8 Nov at Big Creek P-60 on 22 Nov at Saylorville
- Bobolink- L-1 dead on 4 Oct at Alleman
- Yellow-headed Blackbird- 110 on 14 Sep and 7 on 24 Sep at Big Wall L. L-1 female on 18-19+ Nov at a feeder in Ames
- Rusty Blackbird- P-60 on 10 Nov at Little Wall L.
- Great-tailed Grackle- 9 (5 males, 4 females) on 2-3 Aug w. of Forney L. (RKM)
- Northern Oriole- L-1 imm. or female on 28 Sep at Big Creek
- Pine Grosbeak- *1 on 24 Aug at the State Forest Nursery in Ames (EM)
- Purple Finch- F-1 female on 26 Aug at Ames
- Red Crossbill- 1-3 on 27-28 Oct and 3 Nov at Ames, 1 on 3 Nov at Ledges, 7 on 8 Nov and 40 on 9 Nov at Big Creek, and 1 on 15 Nov at DeSoto NWR
- Common Redpoll- 5 on 9 Nov at Saylorville
- House Finch- *2 females on 15 Sep at the State Forest Nursery in Ames
- Pine Siskin- F-2 on 13 Sep at Ames (BB)
- Evening Grosbeak- 1 female on 15 Nov at Polk City (Andrea Knox fide SD)

other observers:

- BB-Bart Ballard, TB-Tanya Bray, MBr-Mark Brogie, JJD-Jim Dinsmore, MDx-Mark Dixon, BE-Bery Engebretsen, PM-Paul Martsching, MPr-Mark Proescholdt, EM-Eric Munson, RKM-Robert Myers, BPa-Babs Padelford, LPa-Loren Padelford, PCP-Pete Petersen, BJR-B.J. Rose, JSi-Jim Sinclair, PW-Pete Wickham, BLW-Barb Wilson

DETAILS SHEET

- Steve Dinmore

- Merlin- 13 Sep 1986, Saylorville res.-female or imm., identified by the falcon profile, small size, dark brown upperparts, heavily streaked underparts, and banded tail.
- Merlin- 15 Sep 1986, Ames-female or imm., identified by the falcon profile, small size as compared to a crow, brown streaked underparts, and banded tail.
- Merlin- 16 Sep 1986, Ames-female or imm., identified by the small size, long, pointed wings, streaked underparts, and banded tail.
- Merlin- 28 Sep 1986, Dunbar Sl.-male, identified by the gray upperparts, falcon profile, banded tail, and light underparts.
- Merlin- 3 Oct 1986, Big Creek State Park-female or imm., identified by the small size, falcon profile, long, banded tail, dark back, and heavily streaked underparts.
- Merlin- 27 Nov 1986, Saylorville Reservoir-female or imm., identified by the small size, falcon profile, brown streaked underparts, long, banded tail, and brown back.
- Peregrine Falcon- 20 Sep 1986, Big Wall L.-ad., identified by the falcon profile, large size (larger than a crow that was harrassing it), light underparts with dark speckling, light underwings, dark gray back, and dark hood.
- Peregrine Falcon- 21 Sep 1986, 3 different birds at Saylorville-1 ad. and 2 imm., identified by their large size, falcon profile, and unmarked underwings-the adult had a dark hood, light underparts with dark spotting, and a dark back while the imm. both had light underparts heavily streaked with brown and lighter heads than the adult.
- Peregrine Falcon- 28 Sep 1986, near Madrid-ad., identified by the falcon profile, large size as compared to a Rock Dove, dark back and head, and light, unmarked underwings.
- Peregrine Falcon- 1 Oct 1986, Ames-ad., identified by the large size as compared to Am. Crows, falcon profile, unmarked underwings, light underparts speckled with brown, and the dark back.
- Peregrine Falcon- 3 Oct 1986, Big Creek State Park-ad., identified by the falcon profile, large size, dark hood and back, unmarked underwings, and lighter underparts with dark speckling.
- Northern Shrike- 20 Oct 1986, Cooper's M., Story Co.-ad., identified by the larger, more strongly hooked bill, less extensive black mask, white rump, and by its constant tail-pumping.
- Black-throated Blue Warbler- 23 Aug 1986, Ledges State Park-male, identified by the bluish back, black throat and sides, white underparts, and white spot on wing.

Black-throated Blue Warbler- 21 Sep 1986, Ledges State Park-male and female-male identified by the blue back, black throat and sides, white underparts, and white spot on wing and female identified by the even brown upperparts, buffy underparts, light eyeline, and white spot on the wing.

Black-throated Blue Warbler- 30 Sep 1986, Brookside Park in Ames-male, identified by the blue back, black throat and flanks, white underparts, and white spot on the wing.