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SEASON: Fall

YEAR: 1986

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
* Pacific Loon	1	22 Nov.	Saylorville Res. - doc. included
✓ Western Grebe	1-3	early Nov. Thru month	Saylorville Res. - 1 to 3 present most times
✓ Little Blue Heron	18	2 Aug.	ponds across Missouri R. from Nebraska City (SD)
✓ Cattle Egret	71	2 Aug.	near Forney Lake with SD
✓ Snowy Egret	11	2 Aug.	same as for Little Blue - with SD
✓ Tundra Swan	1	11 Nov.	Saylorville Res.
✓ Ross' Goose	1	11 Nov.	Desota Bend N.W.R.
✓ White-winged scoter	1	11 Nov.	Desota Bend N.W.R. - ♂ not showing white in wing at rest but had white crescent thru eye.
* Black* Scoter	2	12 Nov.	Big Creek St. Pk. - doc. - with SD
✓ Swainson's Hawk	1	2 Aug.	Nebraska City Ponds
✓ Rough-legged Hawk	1	22 Nov.	Perry, Ia.
✓ Merlin	1	4 Oct.	Big Creek St. Pk. - small dark falcon showing heavily streaked breast.
✓ Peregrine Falcon	1	17 Sept.	NW edge Saylorville Res. - large <sup>dark</sup> brownish falcon with well defined "moustache"
✓ Sora	1	17 Nov.	Fresh road kill picked up on north edge of Perry - late
✓ Common Moorhen	1	10 Aug.	Lakin Slough
✓ Yellow Rail	2	25 SEPT.	Snake Creek Marsh (Greene Co.) one showed a very definite white patch in secondaries - the other had a more reduced white "line" in the trailing edge of the secondaries.
✓ Sandhill Crane	1	22 Nov.	Polk City Wildlife Area - m.ob.

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✓ Sanderling	6	2 AUG.	IPL Ponds (Council Bluffs)
✓ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	2	2 AUG	IPL Ponds - juv. birds - with SD
✓	1	9 AUG	N. of Polk City <sup>brood feather edging on back</sup>
* Red Knot	1	5 AUG	Saylorville Res. - doc. - with SD
✓ Glaucous Gull	2	22 NOV	Saylorville Res. - both probable <sup>2nd</sup> winter birds being overall light beige in color.
* Thayer's Gull	1	23 NOV	Saylorville Res. - doc.
✓ Least Tern	1	2 Aug	IPL Ponds
✓ Common Barn Owl	2	12 Sept	Dawson, Ia. - as many as 3 were seen throughout summer - may have nested
✓ Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	5 Oct.	along Des Moines Riv. east of Woodward - late
✓ Cape May Warbler	<sup>many</sup>	Aug.-Sept.	Incredible numbers - I saw at least 40-50
✓ Connecticut Warbler	1	27 Aug.	Ledges St. Park
✓ Le Conte's Sparrow	<sup>several</sup>	<sup>14 Sept</sup> - end of Sept.	Snake Creek Marsh - several seen each trip
✓ Sharp-tailed Sparrow	2	14 Sept.	Snake Creek Marsh - Greene Co.
Sparrows in general			→ I thought migration was rather poor with big numbers present for only a few <sup>days</sup>
✓ Snow bunting		11 NOV	First small flocks seen along I-80
* House Finch	2	1 Oct.	Ledge State Park - doc.
✓ Red Crossbill	12	8 NOV	1st flock of fall in Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines
✓ Pine Siskins	8	17 Nov.	First moved into my feeders - from then on here daily.
✓ N. Flicker (red-shafted)	1	20 NOV	my feeder in Perry - <sup>red-shafted</sup> pure ♂ bird - present all morning

