

Fall 1986 All in Story County
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✓ Western Grebe	1	23 Nov	Ames (Hallet's Quarry) black surrounded eye
✓ Dbl-cr Cormorant	1	10 Nov	Ames (Hallet's Quarry) last
Blk-cr Nightheron	1	28 Sep	Ames (Brookside Park) adult
✓ Greater Scaup	1	3 Nov	Ames (Hallet's Quarry) female; bill very large; base of bill $\frac{1}{2}$ plus depth of head; bill nearly as long as head; cheeks fat; head well rounded; buffy whitish around base of bill; yellow eyes; white wing stripes extending well out into the primaries.
✓ Lesser Scaup	140	9 Nov	Ames (Hallet's Quarry) most
Common Golden-eye	1	13 Nov	Ames (Hallet's Quarry) only one seen
Bufflehead	1	12 Nov	Ames (Hallet's Quarry) (male) only one seen
✓ Ruddy Duck	15	16 Oct	Ames (Hallet's Quarry) first and most
✓ Osprey	1	28 Sep	Ames (Hallet's Quarry)
	1	29 Sep	Ames (Brookside Park)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1✓	11 Sep	Ames (Brookside Park) slight notch in tail
	1	14 Sep	Ames (State Forest N'sy) 1 immature; square ended tail
	1	15 Sep	east of Ames; square ended tail
	3	19 Sep	Ames; square ended tails
	✓22	21 Sep	4 at McFarland Park NE of Ames; 18 in one hour at South River Valley Park in Ames. all square ended tails, some with slight notch.
	1	22 Sep	Ames (Brookside Park) square ended tail
	1	23 Sep	Ames (Brookside Park) square ended tail being harassed by a flock of 45 chimney swifts.
			✓Total of 30 seen 11-23 Sep.
Cooper's Hawk	✓1	7 Sep	Ames (Brookside Park) imm; very long, somewhat rounded tail; wings held fairly straight across front edges.
	✓1	19 Sep	Ames (Brookside Park) adult; long tail with rounded corners.
	✓1	21 Sep	Ames (South River Valley Park) imm; as long as a crow; harrassing and being harrassed by 5 crows.
	✓1	28 Sep	Ames (Brookside Park) adult; big head; long tail with very well rounded corners.
Broad-winged Hawk	1	15 Sep	Ames (Brookside Park) first
	✓49	21 Sep	Ames; singles to one kettle of 15; most
	✓1	3 Oct	Ames (Brookside Park) last

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Merlin	✓1	13 Sept	Ames (Brookside Park) fem. or imm. basically brown; heavy dark streaks on breast & belly; long narrow, very dark tail with narrow light bands; very narrow pointed wings.
	✓1	21 Sept	Ames; (imm or fem.); brown with dark streaking below; long narrow brown tail with narrow light bands; long, narrow, pointed wings.
	✓1	26 Sep	Ames (Brookside Park) fem or imm.; brown head, back, wings & tail; lighter below with dark streaks; long narrow pointed wings & long narrow tail. Blackbirds in tree tops lifted in two flock as this bird came by just over the trees.
	1	27 Sep	Ames (Brookside Park) a little farther away than I'd really like, but seen with 7 x 35 bino's in good light - small falcon; all brown. <i>-no rust</i>
Black-bellied Plover	1✓	27 Sep	pothole near Larson Marsh (E of Ames)
	2✓	30 Sep	pothole 2 miles NE of Nevada
L. Golden Plover	5✓	30 Sep	pothole 2 miles NE of Nevada; last
Semipalmated Plover	1✓	3 Aug	Colo potholes; first
	1	28 Sep	pothole near Larson Marsh (E of Ames)
Killdeer	53✓	28 Oct	pothole $\frac{1}{4}$ mile N of Slater; most at one place
Lesser Yellowlegs	170✓	3 Aug	Colo potholes; most one place
Spotted Sandpiper	1✓	25 Oct	Ames (Hallet's Quarry) ; last
Sanderling	1✓	10 Aug	Ames (Hallet's Quarry) chunky; active; black bill & legs; rusty head; prominent white wing stripe.
Western Sandpiper	2✓	30 Sep	E of Ames - pothole abt $\frac{3}{4}$ mile NW of Larson Marsh; dark legs; slightly rusty crown; very rusty edges of scapulars; very white below with trace of V marks on upper breast; beak thick based, long and thin and decidedly drooped at tip. (was with Steve Dinsmore)
Pectoral Sandpiper	400✓	23 Aug	Ames (sludge lagoons at sewage plant); most
Stilt Sandpiper	1✓	5 Oct	E of Ames; in mostly basic plumage.
Short-billed Dowitcher	5 ✓	28 Sep	<i>(Ed forest)</i> juveniles; buffy edges to the scapulars with internal markings. 2 adults still had some light orange on breast. These were also all a bit shorter billed than the long-billed with them (which were grayer breasted as opposed to buffy breasted short-billed)
Long-billed Dowitcher	2✓	27 Sep	East of Ames; at least one had dark scapulars with rust edges and no internal markings. head & neck more or less grayish; breast & abdomen dull grayish to & including undertail coverts.

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Long-billed Dow cont'd	1 ✓	29 Sep	E of Ames; rather gray-brown breast; rusty edged scapulars with no internal markings. last
Snipe	38 ✓	29 Oct	pothole E of Ames; most one place
Wilson's Phalarope	1 ✓	28 Sep	pothole E of Ames; late; slightly yellowish legs; longer necked than Pectoral; slimmer than Pectoral; much finer billed than Pect; even light gray on back; dark line thru eye on side of white face; very white below; white rumped; (compared with Pect; Stilt, and L Yellowlegs)
Bonaparte's Gull	33 ✓	2 Nov	Ames (Hallet's Quarry) most there
Ring-billed Gull	400	28 Oct	North of Slater; most one place
Caspian Tern	15 ✓	7 Sep	Ames (Hallet's Quarry); most there
Common Tern	3 ✓	10 Aug	Ames (Hallet's Quarry), 1 imm & 2 ad.; imm - eye streak or patch went clear around back of head. All legs and feet and beaks red orange. Adult's beaks with black tips. Tails shorter than the Forsters that was with them.
	1 ✓	7 Sep	Ames (Hallet's Quarry); dark primaries
Forsters Tern	1	10 Aug	Ames (Hallet's Quarry); imm. legs plain orange; tail longer than Common's, black patch or streak on side of head only.
	1	17 Aug	Ames (Hallet's Quarry); plain orange legs
	1	7 Sep	Ames (Hallet's Quarry); primaries light; with a Common T.
Black Tern	3	17 Aug	Ames (Hallets Quarry)
	2	18 Aug	Hendrickson Marsh
Black-billed Cuckoo	1 ✓	29 Aug	Ames; last
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1 ✓	21 Sep	Ames; last
Com. Nighthawk	1 ✓	10 Oct	Ames; last
Whimney Swift	5 ✓	21 Oct	Ames; last
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1 ✓	21 Sep	Ames; last (saw one on 11 Sep being chased by a chickadee)
Red-headed woodpecker	1	27 Sep	Ames; <u>last</u>
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1 ✓	16 Aug	Ames; first
	1 ✓	13 Sep	Ames; last
E. Wood Pewee	1 ✓	5 Oct	Ames; last

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Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

1 ✓ 30 Aug Ames (Brookside Pk); yellow throat, breast & belly.
1 ✓ 1 Sep Ames (Br Pk); throat & midline of breast & belly
yellow; sides dusky yellow.
1 ✓ 4 Sep Ames (Br Pk); descrip. as previous.

E. Phoebe 1 15 Sep Ames (Br Pk); first
15 ✓ 2 Oct Ames (Br Pk); most
1 ✓ 17 Oct Ames (Br Pk); last

Gt Crested Flycatcher 1 ✓ 27 Sep Ames (Br Pk); last

Tree Swallow 350 ✓ 27 Sep E of Ames with 350 Barn Swallows; most one place
2 ✓ 30 Sep E of Ames; last

Barn Swallow 350 ✓ 27 Sep E of Ames; most one place

Blue Jay ✓ first year I've ever seen any number migrating. From 15 to 28
September saw many flocks; the two biggest abt 100 each.

Red-breasted Nuthatch

1 ✓ 27 Aug State Forest Nursery, Ames
1 3 Oct Brookside Park, Ames
1 13 Oct Brookside Park, Ames

Brown Creeper 1 ✓ 30 Sep Ames (Br Pk); first

House Wren 1 ✓ 6 Oct Ames (Br Pk); last

Winter Wren 1 ✓ 27 Sep Ames (Br Pk); first
7 ✓ 30 Sep Ames (Br Pk); most
1 ✓ 27 Oct Ames (Br Pk); last

Golden-cr Kinglet 1 ✓ 28 Sep Ames (Br Pk); first
30 ✓ 2 Oct Ames (Br Pk); most
3 31 Oct Ames (last at Brookside Park)
1 ✓ 20 Nov Ames (in a lone spruce on Marston)

Ruby-cr Kinglet 1 ✓ 4 Sep Ames (Br Pk); first
60 ✓ 12 Sep Ames (Br Pk); most
1 ✓ 27 Oct Ames (Br Pk); last

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1 18 Aug Ames (Br Pk); only one seen

Veery 4 ✓ 21 Aug Ames (Br Pk); first & most
1 ✓ 13 Sep Ames (Br Pk); last

Gray-cheeked Thrush 1 ✓ 14 Sep Ames (Br Pk); first
1 ✓ 23 Sep Ames (Br Pk); last -- only these two were seen.

Swainson's Thrush 1 ✓ 16 Aug Ames (Br Pk); very early; wide buffy eye ring.
4 ✓ 1 Sep Ames (Br Pk); most
3 ✓ 27 Sep Ames (Br Pk); last (& next to most)

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Hermit Thrush	1 ✓	1 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); first
	10 ✓	10 & 15 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); most
	4 ✓	26 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); last
Wood Thrush	1 ✓	23 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); only one seen
Gray Catbird	1 ✓	5 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); last
Brown Thrasher	2 ✓	6 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); last
Water Pipit	1	29 Oct	Ames
Solitary Vireo	✓ 2	4 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); first
	✓ 15	30 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); most
	✓ 1	20 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); last
Yellow-throated Vireo	1	11 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); first
	1 ✓	30 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); last
Warbling Vireo	1 ✓	8 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); last
Philadelphia Vireo	1 ✓	24 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); first
	2 ✓	28 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); last
	✓	A good year for Philadelphias; I saw 17 between 24 Aug and 28 Sep.	
Red-eyed Vireo	✓ 2	1 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); last
Golden-winged War	✓ 1	16 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); first
	✓ 1	17 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); last
Tennessee War	✓ 1	14 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); first
	✓ 65	18 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); most
	✓ 1	6 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); last
Orange-cr Warbler	✓ 1	5 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); first
	✓ 17	7 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); most
	✓ 1	26 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); last
Nashville Warbler	✓ 1	18 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); first
	✓ 25	30 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); most
	✓ 2	17 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); last
Nor. Parula	✓ 1	23 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); first
	✓ 1	2 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); last
Chestnut-sided W	✓ 2	14 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); first
	✓ 37	23 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); most
	✓ 1	28 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); last
Magnolia Warbler	✓ 1	12 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); first
	✓ 13	24 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); most
	✓ 1	1 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); last

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Cape May Warbler	✓2	12 Aug	Brookside Park - Ames; common this year!!
	✓7	31 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); most at Bk Park.
	✓11	27 Aug	Ames (State Forest Nursery); most there.
	✓2	9 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); last there.
Black-throated Blue	✓1	13 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); imm or fem
	✓1	17 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); male
	✓1	30 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); imm or fem
Yellow-rumped War	✓1	25 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); first - early
	✓75	4 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); most
	✓1	31 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); last
Blk-throated Grn	✓1	21 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); first
	✓1	16 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); last
Blackburnian	✓1	14 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); first
	✓8	21 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); most
	✓1	22 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); last (have never seen so many spring or fall)
Pine Warbler	✓1	21 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); yellow upper breast; yellow head - a bit darker on top; broken light eye ring; lower breast and belly and under tail coverts white; very large white tail spots; back olive with no markings of any kind; broad white wing bars; nearly as large as a Red-eyed Vireo; brownish wash on sides.
Palm Warbler	✓1	22 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); first
	✓1	6 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); last ✓ (only 4 seen total)
Bay-breasted Warbler	✓	VERY COMMON this fall.	
	✓2	14 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); first
	✓28	5 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); most
	✓1	1 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); last
			Many of the males in Aug still had quite a bit of the spring head colors.
Blackpoll	✓1	7 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); first
	✓1	29 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); last
Cerulean	✓1	26 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); size of a Parula (next to it a short time) all buffy white below - throat - breast-belly-undertail coverts; slight hint of streaks on sides of upper breast from lower neck; black legs and feet; side of head whitish; white eyebrow line; top of head dull bluish gray; two white wing bars; wings & tail darkish; underside of tail didn't have the two white triangular tail spots like Bay-br or Blackpoll; back slightly greenish.
Black and White	✓1	15 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); first
	✓28	21 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); most
	✓1	3 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); last

Redstart	1	12 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); first
	✓19	23 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); most
	✓1	1 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); last
	✓	(First Black Male showed up September 5)	
Ovenbird	✓1	18 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); first
	✓7	27 Aug and 1 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); most
	✓1	1 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); last
Nor Waterthrush	✓1	15 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); first
	✓1	18 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); last
Mourning Warbler	✓1	18 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); first
	✓5	4 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); most
	✓1	30 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); last
Com Yellowthroat	✓2	30 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); last
Wilson's Warbler	✓2	15 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); first
	✓7	4 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); most
	✓1	27 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); last
Canada Warbler	✓2	16 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); first
	✓12	21 Aug	Ames (Br Pk); most
	✓2	29 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); last
Scarlet Tanager	✓1	25 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); only one seen
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	✓1	28 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); last
Chipping Sparrow	✓2	16 Oct	Ames; last
Lincoln's Sparrow	✓1	4 Oct	Ames; first
	✓1	23 Oct	Ames; last
White-thr Sparrow	✓1	4 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); very early
	✓35	8,9 Sep	Ames (Br Pk); most
	✓20	26 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); last
Harris Sparrow	✓1	29 Oct	Ames (State Forest Nursery)
Dark-eyed Junco	✓2	1 Oct	Ames (Br Pk); first
Yellow-headed Blackbird	✓1 fem	14 Nov	Ames at a feeder
Northern Oriole	✓1	9 Sep	Ames; last
House Finch	✓1 fem/imm	7 Sep	State Forest Nursery Ames; smallish bill and even head color - no white eye brow or mark on side of throat like Purple F.
Pine Siskin	8	4 Nov	Ames