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Dear Carl,

You will be glad to hear that I have been so busy teaching this year that I have hardly been out to see birds at all.

Enclosed is an unusually brief seasonal report.

Fall has been mild with much wet weather delaying harvest. However, winter seemed to begin at the beginning of November with below zero temperatures + snow.

Have a good winter.

- Bob Wilson

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Fall 1986
Iowa

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| * Lesser Black-backed Gull | 1 | Nov. 29 | Saylorville Reservoir |
| See Documentation | | | |
| ✓ ^x Blue-winged Warbler | 1 | September 6 | Hope Martin Park, Waterloo |
| ✓ ^x Golden-winged Warbler | 1 | September 6 | George Wyath State Park |
| ✓ ^x Cape May Warbler | 2 | Sept. 7 | Sweet Marsh |
| ✓ Bay breasted Warbler | 1 | Sept 3 | Wilson farm, NE Mills County |
| " | 1 | Sept 6 | George Wyath S.P. |
| " | 1 | Sept 7 | Sweet Marsh |
| " more than usual | 1 | Sept 7 | Steamboat Rock State Park |
| " | 1 | Sept 13 | Wilson farm, NE Mills County |
| ✓ ^x Savannah Sparrow | 2 | Oct 31 | " " |
| " | 4 | Nov 5 | " " |
| ^x Swamp Sparrow | 1 | Nov 5 | " " |
| ✓ Northern Shrike | 1 | Nov 28 | Strahan, Mills County |
- identified by the long, long bill. Flew high, too, like Northern.

^x notes on description available if you want them.

The Swamp + Savannah Sparrows were in a wheat field that was allowed to grow up to weeds after harvest. It produced a large crop of foxtail + amaranth + lots of sparrows fed there in the fall.

- ✓ Red-headed Woodpecker - no acorn crop from Bur Oaks, so no woodpeckers stayed this winter here.
- ✓ Snow Bunting 1 ~~Nov.~~ Nov. 9 NE Mills County