

Season: Spring Year: 1987

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Use first few lines to give weather and habitat conditions. Use line(s) below species data to give additional details, if needed. Mail to: T. H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City IA 52240 by 1 Mar, 1 Jun, 1 Aug, or 1 Dec.

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
Black-crowned Night Heron	50+	5/28/87	Jemmerson Slough, Dickinson County. At least 25-30 pairs in rookery--(DH & PP)
Canvasback	±2,500	3/20/87	Rush Lake, Osceola Co.--Largest # I've seen here in spring migration.
Turkey Vulture	7	5/27/87	4 mi. W of Inwood, Lyon County--largest # I've ever seen on upper Big Sioux River
Bald Eagle	1	3/10/87	immature--Dog Creek Park, O'Brien County.
Swainson's Hawk	2	4/30/87	(pair??) south of George, Lyon County
N. Bobwhite	2	5/27/87	singing males, in far northwest corner of Lyon County (near Gitche Manitou Preserve)
Dowitcher species	20+	5/12/87	Rush Lake, Osceola County
Bairds Sandpiper	35+	5/12/87	Rush Lake, Osceola County
Forsters Tern	100+	5/28/87	Jemmerson Slough, Dickinson Co. Some with eggs & young in nests. (DH & PP)
Loggerhead Shrike	1	5/27/87	NW corner of Lyon County; near site where nests were found in 1985 & 86.
Eastern Bluebird	26	5/15 & 5/27/87	11 pairs with active nests (37 hatched & 11 eggs incubating)+ 2 pairs in hollow trees; Big Sioux River Valley Nest Trail, W of Inwood, Lyon Co.
Townsend's Solitaire	1	Feb-Apr.	(see enclosed documentation by LF)--DH, LF, & JO
Lincoln's Sparrow	25+	5/12/87	large migration in grasslands and brush near Rush Lake, Osceola County.

Weather conditions--March, April & most of May abnormally warm and dry. Only significant rains in late May, raging from 1 to 3 inches, depending on local area in NW Iowa. All migration and nesting 10 days-2 weeks early. First pheasant brood seen 5/11 in Lyon County; first Canada Geese hatched 4/16 in Dickinson County (10 days ahead of average.) Warbler flights poor this spring, with no outstanding sightings. Bobolinks and Dickcissels noted arriving especially early.

