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Season: Spring Year: 1988

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Other Observers:

General Notes: Spring arrived early and was generally warmer and drier than normal in NW part of state. Many days of extremely high winds. Generally good migrations waves of most species were seen through April and May. Waterfowl mostly arrived in very early March.

Species	No.	Date	Location--comments--other observers
Great Egret	4	May 19	Christopherson Slough WMA, Dickinson Co. Unusual to see these so late in spring here.
Turkey Vulture	1	May 23	NW corner of Sioux Co.--within 4 miles of where other seens last 2 summers--nesting?
Lesser Golden Plovers	many flocks	May 17-19	Flocks of from 7 to over 150 seen in very large migration, Osceola & Dickinson Co. About a week late.
Bob White	1	May 24	SE of Melvin, Osceola Co.--Very unusual to see quail in this open farm country (Released?)
Upland Sandpiper	2	May 26	Wolter's Prairie, West of Ocheyedan, Osceola Co.--Showing nest defense displays.
Chuck-will's-widow	1	May 24	ID only by very characteristic call. However, this was heard in open creek valley near Melvin, Osceola County, considerably out of range, and with no apparent suitable habitat. Diagnostic call nevertheless precludes almost anything else!!
Western Kingbirds	2	May 23	West edge of Lyon County, where birds are seen in most years.
Eastern Bluebirds	many	April-May	Larger than usual numbers apparent in NW part of state, and in unusual places, especially open farm country of Osceola and O'Brien Counties, where I've not seen them before.
Northern Parula	1	May 11	female at Smith's Slough WMA, near Trumbull Lake, Clay Co. Very far NW of normal range in Iowa.
Bobolink	many	May 10	Large migrations all arriving at once through Lyon County & other parts of NW Iowa.
House Finch	1	May 13	Larchwood, Lyon County (see documentation)

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General Notes: (this report is for those seen by others and reported to me) --all observers known to me & I accept these reports as valid.

Species	No.	Date	Location--comments--other observers
Prothonotary Warbler	1	May 8	City of Spencer, along Little Sioux River woods. Unusual for NW Iowa.
Red Crossbill	1	March 14	Kettleson Hogsback WMA, near Spirit Lake, Dickinson Co. Also had other reports of flocks of Red Crossbills in Spencer & near West Okoboji about this same time, but these were only unverified or second-hand reports.