

Field Reports-Jim Dinsmore, fall 1987

Things I saw:

✓ American Brant-one was held in the hand, looked at carefully, photographed and released at the Polk City Wildlife area on 5 October. It had been found at Lake Red Rock on 4 October by Tom Miller of Des Moines. documentation submitted earlier.

○ Groove-billed Ani-22 Oct 1987, Krumm Wildlife Area, Jasper Co (documentation turned in earlier)

○ Burrowing Owl- three seen 5 miles NNW of Mason City on 23 August (documentation turned in earlier)

✓ Northern Shrike-1 adult seen by Ledges State Park, 13 Nov. Bird seen well and white area in front of eye, light-colored lower mandible, and large size all seen well.

Birds seen by others and reported to me:

✓ Surf Scoter-two seen by Ted LaGrange and Jim Hansen (IA Dept Nat. Resources, Clear Lake) on Clear Lake on 27 October

✓ Surf Scoter-three more were seen on Crystal Lake by Hansen on 28 Oct. (one was shot and will end up at Iowa State)

✓ White-winged Scoter--Hansen saw two on Crystal Lake on 28 October

✓ White-winged Scoter--two were seen at Riverton Area on 28 October and one of them was shot and checked by Don Priebe, Conservation Officer for that area.

✓ White-winged Scoter--one was found dead at Red Rock Lake on 21 November and brought in to Iowa State by Roger Sedlacek (ISU student), bird seen by both Jim and Steve Dinsmore

○ Yellow Rail--one was found dead at Cherokee on 20 October by Dick Bierman and was sent to Iowa State. (I'm not sure if Dick will send this in and since it was a late date, I wanted to make sure you knew of it) *2nd letter*

○ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher-one was seen near St. Anthony, Marshall County on 29 April 1987 by Georgia Bryan (details given to you earlier)

✓ Henslow's Sparrow--One was first heard and then seen by Tom Rosburg (ISU grad student) 5 miles east of Elston in Ringgold County on 6 May 1987. I first heard of it a few weeks ago. Rosburg is the person who found the birds near Mount Ayr in 1986; those birds were seen by numerous other people. Tom is a good field person and from his experience in 1986, obviously knows this species.

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✓ House Finch—one male has been seen several times at a feeder in Ames in the 15-23 November period by Erwin Klaas (ornithologist and professor at I.S.U.). Klaas formerly lived in Maryland and is familiar with them from there. He lives in the area of Ames where there were several reports earlier this year and reported those birds for the summer field reports (IBL 57:123).

Carl

Two agenda

1. Snowy Owl - found dead, 5 mi N of Westside, Crawford County
25 Nov Mike Mahn (IaDNR)

2. Rufous Hummingbird

a). I got photo of 1st bird from Larry Stone and gave to Tom. Letter with
it has details, etc

b). Clear Lake bird - I got photo plus 2 slides from Ron Andrews
(IaDNR, Clear Lake) who also saw bird. Gave them to Tom plus letter
with data, etc. People who first found bird were

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c). Cedar Rapids bird - heard about from Dale and Helen Phyc

Hope this clears it up a bit.

John