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Weather comments: Fall especially mild and extended, with little precipitation. Ice on most small wetlands around mid-November, with 3" to 6" of snow across extreme NW corner of state on Nov. 27-28. Although I have no reports of any unusual fall warblers, the warbler migration seemed more extended than normal, beginning in mid-August and lasting well into late October.			
Common Loon	1	11/10	Big Spirit Lake; immature
Western Grebe	1	10/14	Big Spirit Lake; typical western plumage (not (Clark's)
Am. White Pelican	about 350	9/9	Many Migrating Pelican thru season, but this seemed a large number for so early--Rush Lake,
Great Egret	1	10/13	Rock River, near Rock Valley: This/Osceola Co. is an unusual sighting for this river.
Bald Eagle	4	11/10	Little Spirit Lake, 2 Ad. & 2 imm.
Bald Eagle	1	11/18	Big Sioux River near Inwood--immature.
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	10/9	4 mi. W of Inwood, Lyon Co.--male
Coopers Hawk	1	11/13	2 mi. E. of Ocheyedan, Osceola Co.--probably imm. female; ID by tail and flight pattern
Red-tailed Hawk (Harlan's morph)	1	10/9	4 mi. W. of Inwood, Lyon Co.
Merlin (prairie morph)	1	11/18	5 mi. SW of Larchwood, Lyon Co.
Sedge Wren	1	10/14	1 mi. W of West Okoboji Lake--this was a particularly late sighting for species here.
Hermit Thrush	1	10/22	East Hottes Lake, Dickinson Co.
Loggerhead Shrike	2	10/13	4 mi. NW of Inwood, Lyon Co.

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RS - Ron Spengler, Ocheyedan
LF - LaVonne Foote, Spirit Lake
MW - Mavis Wunder, Milford
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Common Loon (LF)	4	11/10	Big Spirit Lake
Swainson's Hawk (RS)	3	early Aug.	A pair with successfully fledged young, which was later hit by car and killed on US 59 (this is the perennial nest site previously reported by Dick Bierman of Cherokee in several past years)
Peregrine Falcon (MW)	1	9/22	SW side of Rush Lake in Palo Alto Co. Observed w/ 2 other people (Lois White and Larry White) from car for a period of nearly 10 minutes. Bird was perched on dead tree limb within about 30-40 ft. from side of road. Although other 2 observers are unknown to me, I know Mavis Wunder (reporter) and trust her accurate description of bird to me.