Fall 1987

Pacific Loon-*1 on 5 Nov at Saylorville Common Loon- P-47 on 2 Nov at Saylorville Horned Grebe- *F-1 in basic plumage on 16 Aug at Oakland(+A. Fix); P-31 on 27 Oct at Saylorville Red-necked Grebe-singles on **1,10 Nov at Saylorville Clark's Grebe-*1 on 1 Oct at Saylorville Western Grebe- P-16 on 27 Oct at Saylorville Am. White Pelican- P-1150 on 11 Sep at Saylorville(+A. Fix) Double-crested Cormorant- P-1400+ on 14 Oct at Saylorville Am. Bittern- P-15 on 19 Sep at Big Wall L. (+B. Ballard); L-1 on 14 Nov at Lakin Sl. (Roger Sedlacek fide SD) and *1 on 21 Nov at Forney L. (+B. Ballard) Snowy Egret-11 on 1 Aug and 19 on 2 Aug at Riverton (+B. Ballard, +R. Silcock); 3 on 4 Aug at Union Slough NWR(+E. Munson) Little Blue Heron- P-2 ad. and 11 imm. on 2 Aug at Riverton (+B. Ballard, +R. Silcock); L-1 imm. on 19 Sep at Big Wall L. (+B. Ballard) Cattle Egret-1 on 21 Oct, 1,2 Nov at Saylorville(+m.ob.) Black-crowned Night-Heron- L-*1 imm. on 8 Nov at Saylorville(+J. Sinclair, +B. Engebretson) Yellow-crowned Night-Heron- P-3 ad. and 15 imm. on 2 Aug at Riverton(+B. Ballard); L-1 imm. on 13 Sep at Big Wall L. White-faced Ibis-*1 on 8 Aug at Saylorville ibis sp.-2 on 13 Sep at Big Wall L. Greater Scaup- F-*2 females on 5 Oct at Big Creek(+R. Sedlacek) Oldsquaw-1 female collected on 24 Oct at Saylorville(specimen to ISU); 1 female on 2 Nov, 1 female on 7 Nov(+A. Fix), and 2 females on 17 Nov at Saylorville Black Scoter-2 females or imm. on 25 Oct(+P. Martsching, +A.Fix) and 1 male and 4 females or imm. on 28 Oct at Saylorville; 6 females or imm. on 31 Oct at DeSoto NWR(+m.ob.) Surf Scoter-1 female or imm. on 26-28 Oct at Saylorville(+J. Dinsmore); 4 females or imm. on 29 Oct at Crystal L. (+P. Petersen); 4 females or imm. on 31 Oct(+m.ob.) and 1 female or imm. on 25 Nov(+A. Fix) at DeSoto NWR-all had two white spots on face, heavy bill, and dark wings White-winged Scoter- F-1 female or imm. on 21 Oct at Saylorville: F-29 females or imm. on 28 Oct at Saylorville; 10 females or imm. on 29 Oct at Crystal L. (+F. Petersen) - white spots on face and white wing patch seen on all birds Northern Goshawk- F-1 imm. on 2 Oct at Saylorville (+A. Fix) (very large accipiter; long tail with broad, dark bands and a white tip and long, fairly broad wings-too large for Cooper's) Swainson's Hawk-2 ad. on 23 Aug at Saylorville(+P. Martsching) Sora- P-an estimated 1000+ were seen and heard on 13 Sep at Big Wall L.; L-1 on 4 Nov at Lakin S1. (+R. Sedlacek) and 1 on 22 Nov at Forney L. (+B. Ballard) (the first bird was shot-typical rail shape and stubby, yellowish bill were seen well on second bird-second bird also called "ker-wee" twice)

on 21 Sep, and 17 on 5 Nov at Saylorville Whimbrel-*1 on 1-2 Aug at Riverton(+B. Ballard, +R. Silcock); *1 on 3 Sep at Moeckley

Sandhill Crane-2 on 1 Nov in n. Polk Co.(both adult birds-seen well)
American Avocet-1 on 5 Oct at Big Creek(+R. Sedlacek); 1 on 14 Aug. 7

Ruddy Turnstone-1 on 8 Aug, 2 on 9 Aug, and 1 on 26 Sep at Saylorville

Western Sandpiper- L-*1 juv. on 27 Sep at Red Rock Res. (+B. Ballard) Baird's Sandpiper- L-3 on 28 Oct at Big Creek(elongate body shape, buffy breast, scaly appearance of back, and dark, thin bill seen well-had been present for several days) Pectoral Sandpiper- L-*different birds on 14-19 Nov and 27-29 Nov at Bio Creek Buff-breasted Sandpiper-233 on 1 Aug and 257 on 2 Aug at Riverton (+B. Ballard, +R. Silcock) Dunlin- L-3 on 27 Nov at Big Creek-medium-sized, chunky shorebird with gray upperparts and chest, dark legs, and long, dark, drooping bill Long-billed Dowitcher- L-*1 on 19 Nov at Big Creek Red-necked Phalarope- P-14 on 6 Sep in n. Polk Co. jaeger sp.-*1 juvenile dark phase on 27 Oct at Saylorville Franklin's Gull- P-6500 on 1 Oct at Saylorville(+B. Ballard); L-1 imm. on 29 Nov at Saylorville Bonaparte's Gull- P-572 on 2 Nov at Saylorville; L-62 on 29 Nov at Saylorville Great Black-backed Gull-*1 first-winter bird on 7 Nov at Saylorville(+A. Fix) Black-legged Kittiwake-*1 juvenile bird on 25 Oct-2 Nov at Saylorville(+P. Martsching, +m.ob.); *1 first-winter bird on 29 Nov at Saylorville(+B. Ballard)-plumage differences indicate different birds Caspian Tern- P-134 on 11 Sep at Saylorville/Big Creek(+A. Fix) Common Tern-2 ad. and 2 imm. on 14,18,20,23 Aug, 1 ad. and 2 imm. on 21 Sep, and 1 imm. on 25 Sep at Saylorville (all birds identified by dark primaries and dark cap extending over the head-all young birds and the adult on 21 Sep had dark shoulder bars) Common Barn-Owl-1 on 17 Aug at Polk City Snowy Owl-1 on 15 Nov near Greene (Ruby Buck fide SD); singles on 27 Nov in Des Moines, at Big Creek, and w. of Ames(Dave Edwards fide SD) Chimney Swift-a roost in Ames had 6000+ on 29 Sep, 2510 on 14 Oct, 1015 on 16 Oct, 178 on 18 Oct, and 18 on 22 Oct Marsh Wren- L-3 on 7 Nov at Dunbar Sl.(R. Sedlacek fide SD) and 2 on 11 Nov at Big Wall L. (+S. Richards)-all birds seen well and heard-identified by white eyebrow, white streaks on back, buffy tail and underparts, and white throat Water Pipit- L-1 seen and heard on 27 Nov at Big Creek(seen walking on muddy area-buffy underparts with light streaking, light eyebrow, and dark leds seen well) Northern Shrike- F-1 ad. on 18 Oct at Saylorville(bird had a large, strongly hooked bill, whitish rump, and white lores); at least 4 birds were at Big Creek during November Cape May Warbler- P-9 on 23 Aug at Ames(+P. Martsching) Black-throated Blue Warbler-2 females on 5 Sep at Ledges(+J. Sinclair, +A. Fix); 1 female on 12 Sep at Ledges(+B. Ballard); 1 male and 2 females together on 12 Sep n. of Ledges (+B. Ballard) Yellow-rumped Warbler- *F-1 on 23 Aug at Ames(+P. Martsching) Northern Waterthrush- F-1 on 5 Aug at Saylorville(+P. Martsching) LeConte's Sparrow- L-1 on 8 Nov at Saylorville(+J. Sinclair, +B. Engebretson) Rusty Blackbird-2 on 1 Oct e. of Slater-both were fall females-rusty back, gray rump, buffy underparts, and white eye seen well Great-tailed Grackle-1 male on 22 Nov at Forney L. (+B. Ballard)-large

grackle with a long, wedge-shaped tail, large bill, and flat crown

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