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Sorry about this being so late. I've been very involved in genealogy - two relatives are writing books and another is revising one and I seem to be the only one who will help them with the parts of the families living in Iowa.

I'll just hit the high-lights & let it go at that.

Oldsquaw 1 male at Saylorville 13 March (with Steve Dinsmore)

General appearance coming down front side of wave facing us. The ~~big~~ white "eye spot" on either side of head presented a b. zarre appearance from the front.



Small, chubby duck with very long central tail feathers.

Merlin 1 female 29 February in downtown Des Moines. Flying south to north just east of the 16th floor of the Ruan Building, during noon. I was eating, facing east. Bird was about 60 ft away at closest. falcon shape; longer than Pigeon, but much slimmer. fast direct flight; brown; light bands on tail; no rusty anywhere; no contrasting markings on head.

1 female 3 May Seen under the same circumstances as above, but closer - only abt 35 ft away at closest. Description same - falcon shape - long narrow wings & tail - etc. On several occasions saw a small falcon from the same location in March, but each time the bird was much farther away and not having binoculars could not rule out Kestral, tho style of Flight certainly suggested Merlin.

Peregrin<sup>e</sup> Falcon one 10 & 15 May at Hendricksons Marsh in Story Co. On both occasions I was observing shore birds and a Peregrine came over and scattered them. First time bird farther away. With 7 x 35 bino's cd see top of head dark & light below. Bird gray above, tan below. Falcon shape. Sat in willow tree for some time, but flew off before I cd get close. Second time was much closer. Seen from below as it approached then veered off & away. Top of head black, bottom of head white; breast tannish. *rest of body dark gray.*

Chimney Swift two 9 May early, in Ames; very dark; "flying cigar" shaped; bowed wings with "twinkling" or appearance of alternate wing flapping. Made no sound. About 50 ft away at closest.

Hermit Thrush 45 23 May Brookside Park in Ames; most

Hooded Warbler 1 male 10 May Brookside Park in Ames

Dickcissel 1 male 16 April about 2 miles North of Hendricksons Marsh, Story Co. Sparrow sized, long tail, yellow breast; black bib spot.

fairly thick beak, much too slim for meadow hawk & too long narrow tailed. 7x35 bino's at abt 35 ft. good life.