

Season: Fall Year: 1988

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 (print or type)

Other observers (name, city):

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
Blue-winged Teal	3000	Oct. 1	Miss. River Pool 19 at Montrose - Lee County
Canvasback	5	Oct. 8	Montrose as above
Canvasback	25,000	Oct. 31	Montrose as above. Consistant with article in Sunday Register, birds left almost immediately after arriving. Normally, they remain until driven out by icing. I am in agreement that habitat destruction due to siltation will eliminate Pool 19 as a major stopover for this species. Despite the fact that Canvasback is a seriously declining species, nobody is doing a damn thing about it.
Greater Scaup	10	Nov. 10	Pool 19 at Montorse as above. <i>See details</i>
Common Goldeneye	1	Nov. 10	First for Pool 19 at Montrose
Ruddy Duck	50	Nov. 8	Very low peak count at Pool 19
Red-shouldered Hawk	1 imm.	Aug. 30	George Wythe S.P. at Waterloo with Francis Moore.
Swainson's Hawk	1	Sept. 10	Pocohantas Co.
Red-tailed Hawk (Harlan's)	1	Nov. 29	Mahaska Co. Noted all dark Red-tail with well-seen dusky white tail.
Rough-legged hawk	1	Oct. 11	Near Storm Lake in Buena Vista Co. First for season. Also, saw more dark phase R.legs than ever before.
Merlin	1	Nov. 19	Big Creek State Park with Kent, Moore, John Cecil
American Coot	6000	Oct. 1	Pool 19 at Montrose. Peak. See details of identification.
Black-bellied Plover	2	Nov. 19	Big Creek S.P. (Sailorville)/Kent, Moore
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1	Sept 4	Hendrickson's Marsh (Story Co. with Mark and Beth Proescholdt, John Cecil
Red-necked Phalarope	3	Sept. 4	Hendrickson's Marsh/ Proescholdts, John Cecil
Franklin's Gull	840	Oct. 6	Farm fields in Buena Vista County
Bonaparte's Gull	750	Nov. 20	Sailorville Res./Kent, Moore, John Cecil
Herring Gull	1 ad.	Sept. 29	Dubuque. First of season.
Caspian Tern	35	Oct. 1	Peak at Lock and Dam 19 at Keokuk
Caspian Tern	2	Oct. 9	Last at Lock and Dam 19 at Keokuk

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Black Tern	3	Sept. 19	Last of year at Keokuk <u>County</u>
Common Nighthawk	96	Sept. 8	Peak count at Des Moines
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Olive-sided Flycatcher	2	Aug. 20	Peak at Croton Unit, Shimek S.F. Lee County
Carolina Wren	6	Aug. 6	Peak Count at Croton Unit, Shimek
Winter Wren	2	Sept. 25	Peak Count at Croton Unit, Shimek
Rock Wren	1	Nov. 19	Sailorville -- See Documentation
Eastern Bluebird	79	Oct. 2	Peak Count in Lee County
Gray Catbird	35	Sept. 3	Peak Count in Des Moines
N. Mockingbird	3	Oct. 6	Nr. Lacey-Keo. SP. (VanBuren Co.)/Jim Sandrock
Warbling Vireo	1	Sept. 3	Singing male at Des Moines
Red-eyed Vireo	20	Sept. 3	Des Moines with John Cecil
Yellow-rumped Warbler	93	Oct. 10	Peak Count at Croton Unit, Shimek
B. Thr. Green Warbler	6	Sept. 25	Peak Count at Croton Unit, Shimek
Am. Redstart	1	Aug. 6	First of season at Croton Unit, Shimek. As this species does not nest here, it was a migrant
Kentucky Warbler	2	Aug. 28	Last at Croton Unit, Shimek
Hooded Warbler	(male) 1	Aug. 7	Summering bird at Croton Unit remained to Aug.
White-throated Sparrow	180	Oct. 10	Careful estimate at Croton Unit, Shimek. Always abundant here, this time of year <u>year.</u>
Dark-eyed Junco	2	Oct. 2	First at Croton Unit, Shimek
(Exotic)Ringed Turtle Dove	1	Fall	Free flying bird continues to be present at at Keokuk. Present for last 1½ - 2 years.

DETAILS OF IDENTIFICATION

Lesser Yellowlegs

Location: Big Creek SP. (Polk Co.)

Date: Nov. 24

With John Cecil, I observed a medium-sized shorebird with conspicuous yellow, long legs. Bird flew immediately, revealing white rump. No sounds were heard (didn't get radio turned off in time). Bird realighted. Observed very straight bill, thin, about length of head or a little longer. Bird had buffy breast, whitish underparts. Bird's body size about the same in length as Killdeer also present.

Black-bellied Plover

Location: Big Creek SP

Date: Nov. 19

With Tom Kent, John Cecil, and Francis Moore, I observed several shore birds on mud. Two appeared to be Plovers based upon body proportions and bill length. Features observed included short, straight bill shorter than head, grayish breast with white underparts, short legs, and gray-black back flecked with white. No buff or brown was visible on the back, eliminating Golden. Head showed white superciliary stripe which connected over bill. Cap darker. Eye large and dark (like a Plover). Size approximately the same as Killdeer also present.

Greater Scaup

Location: Pool 19 at Montrose in Lee Co.

Date: Nov. 10 and others

(Decided I better include some details on these). These birds provided relatively close views, and gave excellent opportunities for comparison with Lessers also present and nearby. Noted on Greater very rounded head which showed conspicuous green gloss in right light. Also, for first time was able to compare nail on bill with nearby Lessers - nail on Greater were noticeably larger. On the couple I observed flying or flapping, noted white wing stripe that extended to primaries. Of the couple of females I included in count, observed one or more of following features: wing stripe, rounded head, whitish auricular patch, larger nail.

All accompanying Lessers showed peaked head, purplish in same view and lighting.