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ITEM	COMMON NAME	NUM	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT
1	Green-backed Heron	1	6/24/91	B St. Culvert, Fairfield, IA	Fly Over
2	Green-backed Heron	1	7/30/91	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Shore
3	Wild Turkey	1	6/16/91	Lacey Keosauqua, Van Buren Co., IA	Woods
4	Northern Bobwhite	2	7/27/91	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Grass
	Two birds in the grassy area by Walton Lake. One was a male.				
5	Killdeer	6	7/27/91	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Shore
	Three fuzzy babies have been at Walton Lake for several days.				
6	Greater Yellowlegs	2	7/26/91	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Shallow Water
	Body larger than killdeer; much bigger when you include bills. Bill straight, not curved up or down. Big knobby knees. Called 6 tweets in flight.				
7	Spotted Sandpiper	1	7/30/91	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Shore
	Breast heavily spotted.				
8	Western Sandpiper	2	7/27/91	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Shallow Water
	Slightly larger than nearby Leasts. Slightly downcurved bill, lots longer than width of head. Always probing in water (up to belly). Allowed close approach. Streaky reddish crown and reddish back. Rusty wash between side of neck and shoulder. Demarcation between streaks on breast and light underparts not sharp. Rump and tail with dark stripe. Legs black or grey. <i>(clean, just-washed legs)</i>				
9	Pectoral Sandpiper	3	7/24/91	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Mud Flats
	First time in three years that I've seen shorebirds at Walton Lake, in Fairfield. The lack of rain for the past 5 weeks has exposed some shore, and the city has not pumped the water up from underground aquifer as in last couple of years.				
10	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	7/14/91	Fairfield, IA	Residential Area
	A lady called me and described the bird in her yard. I went to see it. It was a fledgeling, with a short little tail, but otherwise like adult. In a tree amidst foliage, calling to be fed. The people have been watching the parent feed it for several days. For the last month they've had their sleep disturbed by a frog's croaking, which they now say they realize has been this bird.				

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11	Carolina Wren It visited and called around my yard for three days.	1	7/19/91	My Back Yard, Fairfield, IA	Residential Area
12	Carolina Wren Also 7/31/91.	1	7/30/91	My Back Yard, Fairfield, IA	Residential Area