

Field Reports-spring 1992
Jim Dinsmore

Eared Grebe-two at Big Creek S.P. on 22 April (JJD)

Western Grebe-four seen at Hendrickson Marsh, 9 April by Raquel Leyva (a graduate student in our department, familiar with the species from field work in Mexico, fide JJD)

American White Pelican-hundreds in the Ruthven-Spirit Lake area on 23 April (JJD). 50 seen over Mud Lake, Palo Alto Co. on 23 May (JJD)

American Bittern-one was heard at Deweys Pasture W.A. and another in a private wetland, both in NW Palo Alto County on 20 May (Julie Schreiber and Kris VanRees fide JJD) and one was heard in a different wetland on Deweys Pasture on 22 May (JJD)

Cattle Egret-one seen in Ames, 23 April, Dick Schmitz

Trumpeter Swan-one without any tags (but presumably from the MN reintroduction program) was on a private pond in SW Emmet Co. on 23 April (JJD). Still had grey neck of immature, bill all black with no sign of any yellow; forehead/bill profile was almost straight with a slight outward bulge about midway down the bill

Snow Goose-3 were near Little Storm L., Buena Vista Co. on 23 May (JJD)

Cinnamon Teal-one male at Elk Creek W.A., Worth Co. on 12 April, Dan Borchardt; see attached documentation

Red-shouldered Hawk-one seen at the 4-H camp near Madrid, 11-15 March (Jim Pease fide JJD)

Swainson's Hawk-one seen west of Estherville (actually 100 feet into Dickinson County) on 23 April (JJD)

Lesser Golden Plover-several hundred seen on farm fields w. of Spirit Lake and nw. of Terril, Dickinson Co. on 21 May (JJD)

Hudsonian Godwit-4 seen in flooded field in NW Palo Alto Co. on 22 May (JJD)

D, W, m, n
12

Carolina Wren-one seen in Ames several times in April (Dan Varland fide JJD); also one in Burlington on 28 March (Jim Pease fide JJD)

Mourning Warbler-1 seen at Nine Eagles S. P., on 2 May by Tom Klubertanz. I talked to Tom twice about the bird. Yellow breast, gray head with no eye ring, and dark gray/black band on juncture of yellow and gray was seen on the bird. This is record early date. Tom is an entomology grad student but knows birds fairly well.

Eastern Meadowlark-one heard singing repeatedly in SW Emmet Co., an area where I don't recall ever hearing an Eastern Meadowlark before. Actually part of the bird's song sounded like a hybrid between Eastern and Western Meadowlark songs while other times it was pure eastern form.

Great-tailed Grackle-five males and 3 females seen just n. of Goose L., Greene Co. on 21 May (JJD)