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1	Common Loon In breeding plumage. These were beautiful birds.	2	4/3/93	Clear Lake, <sup>Cerro Gordo County</sup> Clear Lake, IA	Lake
2	Great Egret First I saw this spring.	1	4/21/93	In town, Fairfield, IA	Flyover
3	Green-backed Heron First I saw this spring.	1	4/30/93	Rural area, Fairfield, IA	Trees by pond
4	Common Merganser A female suddenly flopped down as if dead on the water, floating with neck and bill stretched out. Male swam around and seemed to pick at her. After about 5 minutes she shook her head and got up and acted normal. I watched 4 performances like this by two different pairs.	6	4/3/93	Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo Co., IA	Lake
5	Ruddy Duck First in Jefferson Co. this spring	8	3/29/93	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Lake
6	Turkey Vulture First	1	3/28/93	Lake Darling, Washington Co., IA	Sky
7	Osprey Bird flew down to lake at dawn and clutched tiny fish in its talons. Nevertheless, it flew with fish held head-first. I saw one near same location on 4/22/93	1	4/9/93	Waterworks Park, Fairfield, IA	Lake
8	Bald Eagle All immatures	8	3/28/93	Lake Darling, Washington Co., IA	Lake
9	Bald Eagle Nine immatures got up out of a bare tree and kettled over the flooded fields. At least one adult was nearby in another tree. Two of the immatures did overhead rolls, engaging each others' feet midair. Two flew at each other as if playing chicken. One flipped over just as it looked as if they would crash into each other and passed below the other, upside down.	11	4/3/93	Union Slough, Kossuth Co., IA	Sky
10	Northern Harrier 2 males, one female.	3	4/3/93	Union Slough, Kossuth Co., IA	Wetland

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11	Northern Bobwhite First I saw this year	2	5/17/93	Rural area, Fairfield, IA	Roadside
12	Eastern Screech-Owl First I heard this year. At 5 A.M.	1	5/6/93	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Residential area
13	Common Nighthawk First I saw this spring. And my earliest Iowa sighting by 2 days.	1	5/2/93	Waterworks Park, Fairfield, IA	Sky
14	Chimney Swift First I saw this spring. Then no more till I saw 6 on 4/22/93, also in Fairfield.	2	4/18/93	In town, Fairfield, IA	Sky
15	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker An adult male, adult female, and a juvenile. First I saw this year.	3	4/7/93	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees
16	Willow Flycatcher First I heard ("fitz' bew), and this is late. They have been missing from the places I usually see them in and around Fairfield.	1	5/30/93	Rural area, Jefferson Co., IA	Trees by cornfields
17	Eastern Phoebe First I heard or saw this year.	1	4/6/93	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	RR Bridge
18	Great Crested Flycatcher First I saw -- but then, I have been out of state for a couple of weeks.	1	5/21/93	Waterworks Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees
19	Eastern Kingbird First I saw this spring.	1	4/29/93	Livingston Timber, Fairfield, IA	Rural area
20	Tree Swallow First of the season. Oh, happy day!	19	3/31/93	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Lake

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21	Barn Swallow First I saw this spring.	1	4/29/93	Livingston Timber, Fairfield, IA	Rural area
22	Brown Creeper First I saw this spring	1	4/5/93	Waterworks Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees, pine
23	Brown Creeper I've been seeing brown creepers almost every day this month. Last one seen on 4/21/93.	2	4/10/93	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
24	House Wren First I saw this spring.	2	4/25/93	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Residential area
25	Winter Wren Only one I saw this spring.	1	4/15/93	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Brush pile
26	Golden-crowned Kinglet First I saw this year	1	4/6/93	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Railroad easement
27	Golden-crowned Kinglet Ten were in cemetery and 12 in adjacent Waterworks Park. I saw them all in two stops, without walking around. This was quite a lot, I thought.	22	4/9/93	Cemetery, Fairfield, IA	Trees
28	Ruby-crowned Kinglet First I saw this year.	2	4/9/93	Waterworks Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees
29	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher First I saw this spring. Also heard them in Jefferson Co. Park on 5/3/93. But then no more. I don't believe they usually nest in Jefferson County, although I did find one pair in the summer one year.	4	4/24/93	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees
30	Hermit Thrush First I saw.	1	4/10/93	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods

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31	Gray Catbird First I saw this spring.	1	4/30/93	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
32	Northern Mockingbird First one I've ever seen in Fairfield. Two days later, Jennifer Hamilton saw two in a field north of Fairfield 5 miles.	1	5/24/93	Cemetery, Fairfield, IA	Cemetery
33	Brown Thrasher First I saw this year. It sang.	1	4/19/93	Waterworks Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
34	Yellow-throated Vireo First I saw this spring.	1	4/29/93	Lamson Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods
35	Red-eyed Vireo First I saw this spring.		4/29/93	Lamson Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods
36	Blue-winged Warbler Heard its 'breathing in-out" song.	1	5/23/93	Lacey Keosauqua, Van Buren Co., IA	Trees
37	Tennessee Warbler First I saw this spring.	1	4/29/93	Lamson Woods, Fairfield, IA	Woods
38	Tennessee Warbler The trees were all atrill with the songs of these birds this morning (5/17/93). And on 5/20/93 at Chautauqua Park they were abundant. It's difficult to estimate number, but anywhere in the park one could hear 5-10 singing, so there must have been at least 100 in the park, probably many more.	24	5/17/93	Waterworks Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees
39	Orange-crowned Warbler First I saw this year. Yellow undertail coverts. Slight, indistinct supercilium; indistinct streaks on breast. And I saw a fleck of orange on the top of the head. This is the first time I have ever seen the orange on a live bird.	1	4/28/93	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
40	Nashville Warbler First I saw this spring. Four in one big old oak tree with leaves just starting to come out, a tree apart from the woods and in the morning sunlight.	5	5/5/93	Waterworks Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees

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41	Chestnut-sided Warbler	1	5/3/93	Jefferson Co. Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees
	First I saw this spring. And my earliest Iowa sighting by two days. Fairly deep into the woods. Also, two were singing at Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, on May 20.				
42	Magnolia Warbler	1	5/29/93	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Trees
	Onlyest.				
43	Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	4/10/93	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
	First warbler I have seen this year. A very colorful male.				
44	Palm Warbler	1	4/29/93	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
	First I saw this spring.				
45	Black-and-white Warbler	1	5/2/93	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees
	First I saw this spring				
46	Northern Waterthrush	1	4/23/93	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
	First I saw this spring. Supercilium more ivory than white, no wider behind eye than before; faint streaks on sides of throat; ground color of underparts sort of ivory, but not buffy on sides.				
47	Kentucky Warbler	1	5/6/93	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Residential area
	It was on the ground under the juniper foundation plants by my house. Bright yellow all under including throat chin, belly, and under tail coverts, black border to sides of yellow throat, dark olive uppers. First one I've ever seen away from Lacey Keosauqua.				
48	Scarlet Tanager	5	5/20/93	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees
	A male and female together, the male not very bright red. Then three more males in various parts of the park and with varying degrees of brilliance. I don't often see Scarlet Tanagers in Jefferson County.				
49	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	4/29/93	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
	First I saw this spring. A male.				
50	Rufous-sided Towhee	1	4/28/93	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Trees
	First I saw this year. This is the latest my first sighting in Iowa has ever been.				

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51	Field Sparrow First I saw this year. It did not sing.	1	4/6/93	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Forest Edge
52	Fox Sparrow First I've seen this year. Grey head, red wings rump and upper tail.	1	4/7/93	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Railroad easement
53	Lincoln's Sparrow First I saw this spring.	1	4/29/93	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
54	White-throated Sparrow First I saw this year. In my yard, there were 3 on 5/2/93. At least 12 in Jefferson Co. Park on 5/3/9.	12	4/23/93	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
55	Bobolink First I've seen this year	1	5/17/93	Rural area, Fairfield, IA	Roadside
56	Red-winged Blackbird First FEMALE red-wing I've seen this year.	1	4/9/93	Walton Lake, Fairfield, IA	Roadside
57	Northern Oriole First I saw this spring	1	5/2/93	Jefferson Co. Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees
58	Purple Finch Last.	1	4/30/93	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Feeding station