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August 1991 Field Report

Noteworthy was a cool front which passed through the Iowa City area August 23-24, bringing with it significant numbers of Empidonax, Veery, Red-eyed Vireo, Golden-winged, Chestnut-sided, Magnolia, Bay-breasted, and Black-and-white Warblers, American Redstart, Ovenbird, Wilson's and Canada Warblers.

Location Key

SL=Swan Lake

RRR=Red Rock Reservoir

CR=Coralville Reservoir

HHP=Hickory Hill Park, Iowa City

SP=Squire Point

IC=Iowa City

OC=Oakland Cemetery

Pied-billed Grebe: 6 at SL on 30th  
Am. White Pelican: 57 near 965 bridge over CR on 30th  
Double-crested Cormorant: 60 near 965 bridge over CR on 30th  
Great Blue Heron: High count of 200 upper end of CR on 30th  
Great Egret: High count of 45 upper end of CR on 30th  
Wood Duck: Counts of 3-5 at RRR and SL  
Blue-winged Teal: 20 at upper end of CR on 30th  
Broad-winged Hawk: 1 over my home (IC) on 26th  
Semipalmated Plover: 3 at RRR on 4th  
American Avocet: 2 at mouth of Hoosier(sp?) Creek on 11th  
Sanderling: 2 at Sandy Beach (CR) on 30th  
Buff-breasted Sandpiper: 22 at RRR on 4th  
Laughing Gull: 1 juv. at RRR on 4th...see notes previously submitted  
Caspian Tern: The first were 20 at RRR on 4th; 6 at Sandy Beach (CR) on 30th  
Forster's Tern: 5 at Sandy Beach (CR) on 28th, 8 there on 30th  
Black Tern: 1 at Sandy Beach (CR) on 28th, 4 there on 30th  
Black-billed Cuckoo: 1-2 at HHP on 11th and 25th  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 2 at SP on 30th  
E. Screech-Owl: 1 at HHP on 27th  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1-3 at IC/CR throughout month  
Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 at HHP on 27th  
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 at HHP on 25th, 26th  
"Traill's" Flycatcher: 1 at HHP on 26th, another probable on 27th  
Least Flycatcher: 1 at HHP on 26th  
Carolina Wren: 2-3 at HHP throughout month  
House Wren: Pair in my yard (IC) fledged 2nd (perhaps 3rd) brood on 23rd-24th  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 1 at OC/HHP on 24th and 26th  
Veery: 1 on 25th, 3 on 26th, 27th, all at OC/HHP  
Swainson's Thrush: 1 on 26th, 1 on 27th at HHP; 2 at SP on 30th  
Wood Thrush: 1 at SP on 30th  
Yellow-throated Vireo: 1 at CR on 30th  
Red-eyed Vireo: 4-10 25th-27th & 30th at OC/HHP and CR; Peak date 26th  
Warbling Vireo: 2-3 (including singing birds) at CR on 28th, 30th  
Golden-winged Warbler: 1-2 on 24th, 26th, 27th at OC/HHP  
Tennessee Warbler: 1-3 on 24th, 25th at OC/HHP; 4 at SP on 30th  
Nashville Warbler: 1-2 on 25th-26th at OC/HHP  
Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1-7 on 24th-28th at OC/HHP and CR; Peak date 25th  
Magnolia Warbler: 2-6 on 24th-27th, and 31st at OC/HHP  
Cape May Warbler: 1 on 24th at OC

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Blackburnian Warbler: 1-2 on 24th-25th, 27th at OC/HHP; 1 at CR on 30th  
 Bay-breasted Warbler: 1-3 on 25th-27th, 31st at OC/HHP; 1-2 at CR on 28th, 30th  
 Blackpoll Warbler: 1-2 on 24th-25th at OC/HHP  
 Black-and-white Warbler: First at HHP on 11th; 1-6 on 24th-27th, 30th at OC/HHP and CR  
 American Redstart: 3-15 on 24th-28th, 30th at OC/HHP and CR; Peak date 26th  
 Ovenbird: 1-4 on 24th-25th, 27th, 30th at OC/HHP and CR  
 waterthrush, sp.: 1 south of CR on 28th  
 Mourning Warbler: 1 on 24th at OC; 1 south of CR on 28th  
 Wilson's Warbler: 1-4 on 24th-26th at OC/HHP  
 Canada Warbler: 2-3 on 25th-27th at OC/HHP  
 Scarlet Tanager: 1 on 30th at SP  
 Indigo Bunting: 1 south of CR on 28th

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How to Read

Species: Location-(No. of individuals)dates

September 1991 Field Report

The passerine migration of flycatchers, thrushes, vireos and warblers was busy the first 10 days of the month. Cape May Warblers were fairly easy to come by. It all came to an end rather abruptly following cool fronts the evenings of the 15th and 17th. Temperatures were well below average the remainder of the month, including an early frost on the 20th. A big push of raptor migrants through Johnson County occurred over the weekend of the 21st-22nd. Several species continued to trickle through the remainder of the month.

Location Key

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| B =Big Creek St. Pk.(Polk Co.)                  | P =Poweshiek Co.(including Jacob Crumm <sup>sp</sup> preserve) |
| C =Coralville Res.(Johnson Co.)                 | R =Runnells wildlife area (Marion Co.)                         |
| CM =Cone Marsh(Louisa Co.)                      | S =Saylorville Res.(Polk Co.)                                  |
| HHP =Hickory Hill Park, Iowa City (Johnson Co.) | SC =Snake Creek Marsh(Greene Co.)                              |
| IC =Iowa City(Johnson Co.)                      | W =Warren Co.  |
| OC =Oakland Cemetery, Iowa City (Johnson Co.)   |  |

Am. White Pelican: C-(40-60)all month; S-(500+)26  
Canada Goose: C-(11)1, (40)22  
Green-winged Teal: C-(50+)1  
N. Pintail: C-(1)1; S-(60)26  
N. Shoveler: CM-(2)19; Polk Co.-(2)26  
Osprey: R-(1)14; C-(1)22  
Bald Eagle: IC-(1 ad.)21  
N. Harrier: C-(1)1; SC-(1)26  
Sharp-shinned Hawk: IC-(4)21; C-(2)22; SC-(1)26  
Cooper's Hawk: IC-(4)21; C-(1)22; P-(1)26  
Broad-winged Hawk: HHP-(1)4; IC-(216)21; C-(4)22  
Merlin: C-(3)22...see notes; S-(1-2)26  
Peregrine Falcon: R-(1-2)14-15; IC-(1)17-25...an adult male atop Northwestern Bell building  
Yellow Rail: C-(1)22...see notes  
Sora: SC,P-(4)26  
Black-bellied Plover: R-(1)14; S,B-(4)26  
Semipalmated Plover: R-(6)14; B-(1)26  
Greater Yellowlegs: CM-(3)19  
Willet: R-(1)14  
Ruddy Turnstone: R-(1)14  
Sanderling: S-(4)26  
Western Sandpiper: C-(3)1...see notes; R-(1)14  
Baird's Sandpiper: C-(2)1; S-(3)26  
Stilt Sandpiper: R-(50+)14-15  
Buff-breasted Sandpiper: S-(2)26  
Short-billed Dowitcher: C-(1 ad. hendersoni)1; R-(1 juv.)14  
Long-billed Dowitcher: R-(4 juv.)14; B-(2 juv.)26  
Com. Snipe: CM-(7)19; P-(3)26  
Red-necked Phalarope: C-(4)1  
Red Phalarope: S-(1)26...see notes  
Common Tern: S-(1)26...see notes

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Ruby-throated Hummingbird: IC-(1-3)all month  
 E. Wood-Pewee: Last date, IC-(2)27  
 Great Crested Flycatcher: Last date, W-(1)15  
 E. Kingbird: Last date, W-(2)15  
Purple Martin: C-(1)1...late  
 Tree Swallow: C-(1000s)19-22; S-(1500+)26  
 N. Rough-winged Swallow: C-(1)1, (1)22; S-(1)26  
 Bank Swallow: C-(1)1  
 Cliff Swallow: C-(500+, many young)1  
 Carolina Wren: HHP-(2)4  
 Sedge Wren: SC-(4)26; P-(2)26  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet: CM-(1)19  
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: HHP-(1)4; IC-(1)11  
 Veery: HHP-(2)4, (2)6  
Cray-cheeked Thrush: HHP-(1)6  
 Swainson's Thrush: HHP-(3)4, (2)6  
 American Pipit: S-(2)26  
 Cedar Waxwing: IC-(12-25)all month  
White-eyed Vireo: CM-(1)19...late  
 Bell's Vireo: W-(1)15  
 Solitary Vireo: OC-(1)4  
 Philadelphia Vireo: OC/HHP-(2)4  
 Red-eyed Vireo: Last date, OC/HHP-(20)4  
 Blue-winged Warbler: OC-(1)4  
 Golden-winged Warbler: HHP-(1)4  
 Tennessee Warbler: Last date, W-(1)14  
 Nashville Warbler: Last date, C-(1)22  
 N. Parula: OC/HHP-(3)4; W-(1)14  
 Yellow Warbler: Last date, C-(1)9  
 Chestnut-sided Warbler: Last date, HHP-(8)4  
 Magnolia Warbler: Last date, HHP-(2)6  
Cape May Warbler: C-(1-2)9  
 Yellow-rumped Warbler: C-(1)1...early; S-(2)26  
 Black-throated Green Warbler: Last date, W-(1)15  
 Palm Warbler: C-(2)9  
 Bay-breasted Warbler: Last date, HHP-(1)6  
 Black-and-white Warbler: Last date, IC-(1)11  
 Am. Redstart: Last date, HHP-(2)6  
 Ovenbird: Last date, HHP-(6)6  
 Wilson's Warbler: IC-(2)1; C-(2)1  
 Canada Warbler: HHP-(2)4, (1)6; W-(1)15  
 Scarlet Tanager: HHP-(1)4  
 Dickcissel: Last date, W-(1)15  
 LeConte's Sparrow: C-(2)22; SC-(15)26  
Sharp-tailed Sparrow: C-(1)22  
 Lincoln's Sparrow: CM-(6)19; SC-(1)26  
 Swamp Sparrow: CM-(5)19; C-(3)22; S, SC, B, P-(70)26  
 White-throated Sparrow: W-(1-2)15  
 Dark-eyed Junco: C-(1)22...early  
 Bobolink: C-(7)1

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October 1991 Field Report

Hummers at my feeder disappeared with a cold front on the 4th-5th. The remainder of October was mostly mild, unseasonably so at times. For instance, temperatures reached the mid-70s on the 16th-17th. A cold front arrived on the 18th resulting in our first frost on the 19th. The last 5-6 days were wet.

Location Key

Bu=Burlington(Des Moines Co.)  
Be=Bettendorf(Scott Co.)  
C=Coralville Reservoir area(Johnson Co.)  
CL=Cedar Lake(Linn Co.)  
CR=Cedar Rapids(Linn Co.)  
HHP=Hickory Hill Park(Johnson Co.)  
IC=Iowa City(Johnson Co.)  
JC=Johnson Co.

Green-backed Heron: C-(2)1  
Common Merganser: Early date CL-(1)16  
Bald Eagle: C-(1 imm.)1  
Sharp-shinned Hawk: C-(1)1  
Cooper's Hawk: Bu-(1)6  
Accipiter, sp.: Bu-(1)6; C-(1)13; IC-(1)23, (1)25  
Solitary Sandpiper: C-(1)1  
Bonaparte's Gull: Early date CL-(1)16  
Sabine's Gull: Be-(2)14...see notes  
Common Ground-Dove: CR-(1)25...see notes  
E. Screech-Owl: C-(1)13  
Chimney Swift: Late date IC-(1)5  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: IC-(1)1-3  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: IC-(1)26  
E. Wood-Pewee: Late date C-(1)1  
Tree Swallow: C-(1000s)1  
Cliff Swallow: Late date Bu-(many)6  
Barn Swallow: Late date Bu-(many)6  
Brown Creeper: HHP-(1)5  
Carolina Wren: IC-(1)13  
House Wren: Late date CR-(2-3)25  
Winter Wren: HHP-(1)5  
Sedge Wren: C-(2)1  
Golden-crowned Kinglet: IC-(1-5)1-27  
Hermit Thrush: HHP-(1)5  
Gray Catbird: Late date HHP-(6)5  
Brown Thrasher: Late date HHP-(1)9  
Water Pipit: C-(1)1  
Orange-crowned Warbler: C-(2)1, (1)19; HHP-(1)9  
Yellow-rumped Warbler: Peak was C-(40)1  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Late date C-(1)1  
Field Sparrow: Late date HHP-(1)9  
Vesper Sparrow: C-(2)13  
Savannah Sparrow: Late date C-(10)1  
Sharp-tailed Sparrow: C-(1)1  
Lincoln's Sparrow: Late date IC-(1)26

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November 1991

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A record-setting arctic blast swept across Iowa the first week of the month. Substantial snow fell on the 23rd. Between storms weather seemed seasonable to somewhat warm.

Location Key

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| CL= Cedar Lake           | MV= Mount Vernon        |
| CR= Coralville Reservoir | NL= North Liberty       |
| IC= Iowa City            | PC= Pleasant Creek Lake |

Pacific Loon: PC-(1)10...see notes  
Horned Grebe: CL-(3-4)3 ✓  
Snow Goose: NL-(10w,60b)10  
Am. Black Duck: CR-(1)9 ✓  
Canvasback: CR-(2)9; PC-(2)10  
Ring-necked Duck: PC-(10)10  
White-winged Scoter: PC-(1)10; IC-(1)23 ✓  
Comm. Goldeneye: CR-( 2 )3, (100)28; CL-(2-3)3; PC-(10)10  
Bufflehead: CL-(30)3; CR-(6)3; PC-(40)10  
Hooded Merganser: CL-(2)3; CR-(4)3, (8)9  
Comm. Merganser: CL-(2-3)3  
Red-breasted Merganser: CR-(6)9, (1)28; PC-(1)10  
Bald Eagle: CR-(4)28  
Rough-legged Hawk: CR-(1 dark phase)9  
Franklin's Gull: CR-(4)2-3 ✓  
Bonaparte's Gull: CR-(100+)2-3; PC-(2)10 ✓  
Ring-billed Gull: CR-(2-3000)2-3, (200+)9, (1-200)28  
Black-legged Kittiwake: CR-(1 first winter)2; PC-(1 first winter)10 ✓  
Am. Pipit: MV-(1)3; NL-(1)3  
Yellow-rumped Warbler: CR-(3)2-3, (1)9 ✓  
Vesper Sparrow: PC-(2)10 ✓  
Fox Sparrow: IC-(1)1 ✓  
Swamp Sparrow: IC-(1)9  
White-crowned Sparrow: CR-(1)2  
Snow Bunting: CR-(1)3 ✓  
Purple Finch: IC-(1)16 ✓  
House Finch: IC-(2-3)16-30 ✓  
Pine Siskin: IC-(1)28 ✓

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