FIELD REPORTS FORM for submitting seasonal observations of Iowa birds Page | of | Season: Spring Year: 1993 Douglas Name and address P.O. BOX 65 Other observers (name, city): (print or type) Larchwood, IA. 51241 Use first few lines to give weather and habitat conditions. Use line(s) below species data to give additional details, if needed. Mail to: T. H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City IA 52240 by 1 Mar, 1 Jun, 1 Aug, or 1 Dec. use initials of obsv. on species line SPECIES DATE LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS 5 pring in oftreme NW. La was cooler and much wetter than normal, with about 9" rain in May alone. Shonebird migration appears to have been late, and most may have simply bypassed the area in rush to reach breeding/nesting grounds. Spacies liste 5/11/93 Hottes Lake, Dickinson Co. Probably local nesters Eared Grebe 2 American Bittern 5/13/93 Spring RungomA., Dickinson Co. 6/1/93 4 Canvasback Duck · 2 Nesting pairs? Waterman Prairie W.M.A., Believed on Meny D. W. IA Rivers * Largest # of eagles ever Seen in N.W. IA., esp. in March 5/26/93 turkey Vulture 6 entire Bald Eagles * Season 4 April; between personal sightings along Big Sioux, Little Sioux, & Rock Rivers, Dlus Ious Great Lakes, and public reports to me, Sightings number from 50-75.

2 males calling along Big Sioux River, Sioux Co.; appear to be surviving here, even thru harsh winters, Bob White 5/20/93 2 Pair seen at Kettleson Hogsback W.MA., Dickiuson Co. Virginia Rail 5/3/93 * Many flights of 20-100 birds seemed late on 5/24-25 Lesser Golden Plover * these 2 days throughout extreme N.W. IA. Western Soud piper 36 5/18/93 Spring Rua W. M.A. Dickinson County * Heard colling in many postures, hayfields & proinces; April-Upland soudpiper Appear to be doing well in recent years at suet feeder in Larchwood, Lyon Co. 4/11/93 yellow-bellied Supsucker * abundant in Wills west of Rock Valley, Sixex Co. Western Kingbird 5/20/93 * Vary in abundance connually -- appears this will be good year. * very abundant in hayfield around restored 5/21/93 Sedge wrens wetlands at spring Run w.M.A. Dickinson Co. Magnolia worbler 1st ever seen in Larchwood, Lyon Co. 5/19/93 4/14/93 pair, at waterman Prairie W.M.A. O'Brien Co. Rufous-sided towhere 1/3-9/93 8. Seen on ground below feeders at Larchwood, Lyon, Co., for about a week. Rufors-sided Towhere

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From the desk of Doug Harr Wildlife Management Biologist 301 1/2 1st Ave. Rock Rapids, IA 51246

To: Tom Kent, I.O.U.

Date: 7 June 1993

Subject: Spring Field Reports

I just realized this morning that I'd again negelected to get my spring field reports off to you by the deadline time. It seems like I always have trouble remembering the deadline dates, especially for the spring reporting period!

Anyway, this may be too late for you to include anything, but I thought I'd send it out anyway, just in case you were still working on compiling everyone else's sightings. Sorry for the tardiness.

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