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WEATHER

August was the second coolest overall in 120 years following a very cool summer. Low temperatures in the forties were much more common than high temperatures in the nineties. Only northwestern Iowa had rainfall at or above normal levels.

September was the sixth consecutive cooler than normal month. Rainfall varied greatly across the state; much of the northwest was quite dry while south central Iowa experienced record flooding, especially from storms on the 14th-15th.

October continued the cool weather trend but was otherwise relatively uneventful. The only precipitation of note was limited to west central and northwest counties where a stalled cold front created thundershowers on the 6th-8th. Scattered snow flurries were widespread on the 16th and up to two inches fell in northeast Iowa on the 19th.

November was remarkable for persistent and widespread rain or overcast conditions. Three major storm systems delivered precipitation across the state on the 1st, 19th-20th and 25th. The last storm dropped up to nine inches of snow in a narrow band from southwest Iowa to the northeast into Wisconsin.

Precipitation and Temperature with Deviation from Normal

	Temperature, F	Precipitation inches
	Mean (Deviation)	Mean (Deviation)
August	66.1 (-6.0)	2.56 (-1.54)
September	61.7 (-1.8)	5.53 (+2.11)
October	51.4 (-1.3)	1.63 (-0.67)
November	33.8 (-3.4)	4.42 (+2.91)

GENERAL TRENDS

Water levels were up at the four major reservoirs, partly due to rain and partly due to permanent raising of the pool level at several of the reservoirs; this resulted in loss of some favorite shorebird habitat. On the other hand, high water at Rathbun Reservoir produced some edge where shorebirds lingered late into November. The warbler migration was at least average with a number of reporters spending considerable time in the field observing them. Beth Proescholdt at Grammer Grove in central Iowa and Babs and Loren Padelford at Hitchcock Nature Area in western Iowa extensively monitored the hawk migration. Only the highlights are included here. We hope that in a few years they will be able to publish a more detailed account of their findings. The waterfowl migration was late and not very impressive, perhaps due to birds moving south in small numbers with a series of cold fronts. Winter finches were scarce, but a few Snowy Owls showed up.

UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS

The rarest bird was a Western Flycatcher that was not identified as to species (Cordilleran vs. Pacific-slope), which would be the third record east of the Missouri River. Also rare were Lewis's Woodpecker and Vermilion Flycatcher, which will be third state records. Other accidental species were a Laughing Gull lingering from the Summer Season and a Red Phalarope. Casual species included Red-throated Loon, Pacific Loon, Red Knot, Thayer's Gull, and Eurasian Tree Sparrow.

SPECIES DATA (* = documented) [] = record dates

Red-throated Loon: 1 was found on the IOU field trip at Red Rock Res. on 7 Nov and was present at least until the 9th (*DCP, *AMJ, *MPr, *THK, *RLC, *JLF) [2nd earliest].

Pacific Loon: 1 was found at the same location as the Red-throated Loon on 8 Nov and was still there on the 9th (*JLF, *THK).

Common Loon: 2 were first at Pleasant Creek L. on 14 Nov (JDu). The high count was 62 at Red Rock Res. on 11 Nov (MPr). The last was at Moffett Res. on 29 Nov (BE).

Pied-billed Grebe: 10 young birds were at Silver L. in Worth Co. on 13 Aug (THK).

Horned Grebe: The first was at Trumbull L. on 9 Oct (MMB). The high count was 10 at L. Manawa on 29 Oct (BKP/LJP). On 29 Nov there were still 3 at Pleasant Creek L. (JDu). Up to 3 were seen at eight other locations.

Red-necked Grebe: 1 was at Pool 9 in Allamakee Co. on 14 Nov (Francis Moore fide THK).

Eared Grebe: Reports were of 1 at Grover L. in Dickinson Co. on 22 Aug (LAS), 1 at Lower Twin L. on 16 Oct (PCP), 2 at Rathbun Res. on 5 and 8 Nov (TNJ, RLC, THK), 1 at Stolley P. in Clay Co. on 8 Nov (LAS), and 1 at Crawford Creek RA on 14 Nov (PE).

Western Grebe: 1 was still at Silver L. in Worth Co. on 13 Aug (THK). Other reports were 2 at Trumbull L. on 11 Sep and 1 there on 29 Oct (MMB), 1 at Rock Creek SP on 8 Nov (MPR), and 2 at Saylorville Res. on 14 Nov (BE).

American White Pelican: 25 were at Huron Is. in Des Moines Co. in E Iowa by 4 Aug (PCP). The high count was 2,035 at Saylorville Res. on 15 Aug (BE). Singles were still in Woodbury Co. on 26 Nov (BFH) and Rathbun Res. on 28 Nov (RLC).

Double-crested Cormorant: High counts included 948 at Hitchcock Nature A. in Pottawattamie Co. on 3 Oct (BKP/LJP), 644 at Saylorville Res. on 10 Oct (BE), and 500 at Coralville Res. on 4 Oct (DRP).

American Bittern: Singles were at Silver L. in Dickinson Co. on 4 Sep (DCH), at Cedar L. on 1 Oct (JLF), and Rathbun Res. on 18 Oct (RLC).

Least Bittern: Singles were at Casey Barrow Access in Des Moines Co. on 16 and 19 Aug (DRP, JLF) and w. of Spirit L. on 22 Aug (LAS, JJD).

Great Blue Heron: The high count reported was 50 at Coralville Res. (JDu), which is down from recent years.

Great Egret: The high counts were 50 at Coralville Res. on 30 Aug (JDu), 41 at Patterson WA in Kossuth Co. on 16 Aug (MCK), and 22 at Saylorville Res. on 21 Aug (PA/RA). On 21 Nov, 1 was at Credit Is. (THK) [2nd latest].

Little Blue Heron: An imm. was at Kettleon-Hogsback A. on 26 Sep (*LAS) [3rd latest].

Cattle Egret: The only report was of 1 at Bays Branch on 31 Oct (THK).

Green-backed Heron: The last at Moorehead P. in Ida Co. was on 8 Oct (PE).

Black-crowned Night-Heron: Reports were from Trumbull L. (8) on 7 Sep (LAS), Saylorville Res. (up to 5) on 7-27 Sep (BE, MPr, AMJ, JDu), Mallard M. in Cerro Gordo Co. (1) on 30 Sep (JLW), and Rathbun Res. (1) on 11 Oct (RLC).

Ibis species: 1 imm. was at Runnells A. on 4 Oct (JSi-details) [3rd latest].

Tundra Swan: 400 were at the usual location at Pool 9 by 14 Nov (DeC). The only others were 2 at Union Slough NWR on 17 Nov (MCK).

Greater White-fronted Goose: All reports were from the same day: 17 Oct, with 500 at Bays Branch (THK), 154 at Saylorville Res. (BE), 22 at Red Rock Res. (JSi), and 19 at Mud L. in Clay Co. (LAS).

Snow Goose: 540,000 were at De Soto NWR on 27 Nov (TEB).

Ross's Goose: 1 was reported from Guthrie Co. on 27 Nov (RLC).

Green-winged Teal: The first was at Coralville Res. on 29 Aug (DRP).

American Black Duck: Singles were seen on 8 Nov in Clay Co. (MMB) and Red Rock Res. (BFH). At a more usual location, 5 were at Pool 9 on 22 Nov (JDu).

Mallard: The peak of 3,000 at Saylorville Res. was considered low (BE).

Northern Shoveler: Lingering birds included 30 at Pool 9 on 22 Nov (JDu) and 1 at Pleasant Creek L. on 26 Nov (JDu).

Greater Scaup: 1 female was reported at Pleasant Creek L. on 27 Nov (THK-details).

Lesser Scaup: 1,500 were at L. Manawa on 26 Oct (BKP/LJP).

Oldsquaw: 3 were at Pleasant Creek L. on 26-27 Nov (JDu, THK).

Black Scoter: Single females were at Pleasant Creek L. on 24-28 Oct (*JLF, *THK-photo, *DRP) and the Iowa Public Television Station pond in Johnston on 19-21 Nov (BE, AMJ).

Surf Scoter: Up to 3 were at IPL Ponds and L. Manawa on 28-31 Oct (BKP/LJP, THK).

White-winged Scoter: 1 male was at Pleasant Creek L. on 5 Nov (THK, JLF) and 2 birds were there on 7 Nov (JDu); 2 more were at Red Rock Res. on 11 Nov (MPR).

- Common Goldeneye:** The first was at Coralville Res. on 5 Nov (JLF).
- Bufflehead:** 9 were still at L. Manawa on 27 Nov (TEB).
- Hooded Merganser:** High counts included 100 at Coralville Res. on 5 Nov (THK), 62 at Red Rock Res. on 8 Nov (BFH, beating out the exact count of 60 by Diane Porter and Ann Johnson on the 7th), 58 at Saylorville Res. on 7 Nov (BE), and 52 at L. Manawa on 9 Nov (TEB). One lingered at Rock Valley in NW Iowa to 27 Nov (JV).
- Common Merganser:** 1,800 were at Saylorville Res. on 29 Nov (BE).
- Ruddy Duck:** The last was at Pleasant Creek L. on 29 Nov (JDu).
- Turkey Vulture:** The peak migration at Hitchcock Nature A. was 30 on 17 Sep (BKP/LJP). At Fairfield, the last was seen on 11 Oct (DCP).
- Osprey:** Many were reported from across the state, with the first on 1 Aug at Dudgeon L. (JDu), the peak of 10 at Effigy Mounds NM on 13 Sep (DeC), and the last at Rock Creek SP on 11 Nov (MPr). The others were seen from 13 Aug to 13 Oct.
- Bald Eagle:** Many were reported throughout the period with peak of 51 at Pool 9 on 22 Nov (JDu).
- Sharp-shinned Hawk:** The first was in Cerro Gordo Co. on 10 Aug (RG). Peak counts were 88 at Grammer Grove on 27 Sep (BPr) and 38 at Hitchcock Nature A. on 5 Oct (BKP/LJP).
- Cooper's Hawk:** A family group of 4 was at Call SP on 2 Aug (MCK). Peak counts were 8 at Hitchcock Nature A. on 17 Sep (BKP/LJP), 45 at Grammer Grove on 27 Sep (BPr), and 5 at Iowa City on 3 Oct (DRP).
- Northern Goshawk:** Reports included 1 imm. on 3 Oct in Iowa City (*DRP), 1 on 4 Oct at Norwalk (AMJ), 1 ad. on 8 Nov at Rathbun Res. (THK), 1 injured bird on 24 Nov in Bremer Co. (DSi), and 1 on 28-30 Nov in Marion (JDu).
- Red-shouldered Hawk:** Singles were sighted at Mark Twain NWR in Louisa Co. on 19 and 28 Aug (PCP), Noble's Is. in Allamakee Co. on 11 Sep (MPr), Hitchcock Nature A. on 15 and 22 Sep (BKP/LJP), Algona on 22 Sep (MCK), and Stone P. on 21 Oct (Jerry Probst fide BFH).
- Broad-winged Hawk:** On 22 Aug, an imm. was at Call SP (MCK) and 2 birds were in Iowa City (DRP). Another imm. was in Des Moines Co. on 27 Aug (JLF, THK). Peak counts at Grammer Grove were 189 on 19 Sep, 85 on 22 Sep, and 75 on 27 Sep (BPr). Peaks in W Iowa were much lower with 6 at Hitchcock Nature A. on 21 Sep (BKP/LJP) and 5 in Lyon Co. on 27 Sep (DCH).
- Swainson's Hawk:** 2 were w. of Union in Hardin Co. on 15 Sep (MPr). Large numbers were seen in W Iowa with a peak of 163 at Hitchcock Nature A. on 27 Sep (BKP/LJP) and 28 in three kettles on the same day in S Clay Co. (LAS).
- Red-tailed Hawk:** 3 each of Krider's and Harlan's hawks were reported. Migration peaks were 91 on 22 Sep at Grammer Grove (BPr) and 36 on 10 Oct at Hitchcock Nature A. (BKP/LJP).
- Rough-legged Hawk:** The first was from 11 Oct in Warren Co. (AMJ).
- Golden Eagle:** In addition to birds at the usual wintering location in Allamakee Co., an unusual number of migrants were reported as follows: 5 (4 adults) at Grammer Grove -- 2 on 27 Sep [3rd earliest], 1 on 20 Oct, and 2 on 28 Oct (BPr); single immatures at Hitchcock Nature A. on 28 Sep, 11 Oct, and 12 Oct (BKP/LJP-details); 1 imm. and 1 ad. sw. of Peterson in Beuna Vista Co. on 13 Oct and 11 Nov, respectively (MMB); and 1 ad. in N Polk Co. on 18 Nov (BPr).
- American Kestrel:** The peak at Hitchcock Nature A. was 10 on 17 Sep (BKP/LJP).
- Merlin:** Reports were from Union Slough NWR on 20 Aug (MCK) [record earliest]; Hitchcock Nature A. on 10 Sep (2), 25 Sep, and 9 Oct (BKP/LJP); Iowa City on 3 Oct (DRP); and Grammer Grove on 10 Oct (BPr).
- Peregrine Falcon:** 2 were in downtown Ames on 1 Aug (*WO). The last was at Ida Grove on 21 Nov (PE). Singles were seen at eight other locations from 27 Aug to 2 Oct.
- Prairie Falcon:** Singles were s. of Cherokee on 19 Sep (*DBi) and nw. of Spencer on 29 Nov (*LAS).
- Gray Partridge:** 2 were in SE Louisa Co. on 16 Aug (DRP).
- Ruffed Grouse:** 2 were drumming at Yellow River F. on 12 Sep (DCP, MPr).
- Yellow Rail:** Singles were flushed at Snake Creek M. on 19, 20, and 26 Sep (m.ob.)
- King Rail:** 5 were at Casey Barrow Access on 16 Aug (*JES, DRP-sketch) and 1 was there on 22 Aug (JLF).
- Virginia Rail:** 2 were at Otter Creek M. on 14 Aug (JDu).
- Sora:** 1 was at Saylorville Res. on 27 Sep (JDu).

- Common Moorhen:** 5 were at Fin and Feather L. s. of Mason City on 7 Oct (CJF, JLW).
- American Coot:** The peak at Saylorville Res. was 3,250 on 17 Oct (BE). ?
- Sandhill Crane:** 1 was still at Otter Creek M. on 1 Aug (AMJ).
- Black-bellied Plover:** The first was at Casey Barrow Access on 16 Aug (RDP). The last was at Rathbun Res. on 28 Nov (*TNJ)[record latest]. Up to 5 were reported from Coralville and Saylorville reservoirs and L. Darling.
- Lesser Golden-Plover:** 1 was in Kossuth Co. on 1 Aug (MCK). The larger flocks included 20 in NE Des Moines Co. on 27 Aug (THK), 105 nw. of Davenport on 21 Sep (PCP), 21 at Odebolt on 22 Sep (PE), and 44 in Harrison Co. on 15 Oct (BKP/LJP). Singles were late at Spring L. in Cherokee Co. on 15 Nov (DBi), in NE Des Moines Co. on 20 Nov (THK), and at the IPL Port Neal plant in Woodbury Co. on 22 Nov (BFH)[ties 2nd latest].
- Semipalmated Plover:** The last was at Saylorville Res. on 18 Oct (THK).
- Piping Plover:** 1 was at Saylorville Res. on 21 Aug (BE), and 2 were there on 26 Aug (AMJ).
- Killdeer:** The last was seen at Rathbun Res. on 22 Nov (TNJ).
- American Avocet:** Reports included 3 on 1 Aug at Saylorville Res. (MPr), 3 on 15 Sep at Pleasant Creek L. (JDu), and 11 on 8 Oct at Rathbun Res. (CS).
- Greater Yellowlegs:** The last were 3 at Palo on 3 Nov (THK).
- Lesser Yellowlegs:** The last was at Rathbun Res. on 8 Nov (THK).
- Solitary Sandpiper:** The last was at Pleasant Creek L. on 1 Sep (JDu).
- Spotted Sandpiper:** The last was in Cerro Gordo Co. on 7 Oct ((CJF).
- Ruddy Turnstone:** Reports included 1 on 19 Aug at Casey Barrow Access (JLF), 3 on 29 Aug at Red Rock Res. (MPr), and 1 on 11 Oct at Saylorville Res. (AMJ)[record latest].
- Red Knot:** 4 were at Rathbun Res. on 4 Oct (*CS, *TNJ, *RLC)[record latest].
- Sanderling:** At Saylorville Res., the first was on 2 Aug (BE), the peak of 14 was on 7 Sep (AMJ), and the last 4 were on 23 Oct (AMJ). Others were 6 at Casey Barrow Access on 7 Sep (THK), 6 at Red Rock Res. on 27 Sep (DRP), 1 at L. Manawa on 28 Sep (BKP/LJP), and 1 at Rathbun Res. on 27 Oct (TNJ).
- Western Sandpiper:** 2 were at Coralville Res. on 22 Aug (*THK).
- Least Sandpiper:** The last were 6 at Coralville Res. on 20 Oct (THK).
- Baird's Sandpiper:** The peak was 9 at Saylorville Res. on 13 Oct (AMJ). The last were singles at Saylorville Res. on 16 Nov (BE) and at Rathbun Res. on 24 Nov (*TNJ)[2nd latest].
- Pectoral Sandpiper:** The peak was 235 at Saylorville Res. on 21 Aug (BE). The last were 2 at Rathbun Res. on 19 Nov (TNJ) and 2 at Cherokee on 20 Nov (DBi).
- Dunlin:** The first were 6 at Coralville Res. on 20 Oct (THK). The last were 6 at Rathbun Res. on 20 Nov (TNJ).
- Stilt Sandpiper:** 30 were at Saylorville Res. on 6 Sep (BE) and the last 1 was there on 19 Sep (JLF, THK).
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper:** Reports included 2 at Saylorville Res. on 2 Aug (BE) and 1 there on 29 Aug (PA/RA), 1 at IPL Ponds on 5 Sep (BKP/LJP), and 6 on a sod farm nw. of Davenport on 16 Sep (PCP).
- Short-billed Dowitcher:** 1 was at Zirbel Sl. on 3 Aug (RG), and 1 in basic plumage said "tu-tu-tu" at Crawford Creek RA in Ida Co. on 4 Sep (PE).
- Long-billed Dowitcher:** 1 s. of Cherokee on 11 Nov (MMB) is presumed to be of this species.
- Common Snipe:** The peak count at Rathbun Res. was 31 on 11 Oct (RLC).
- American Woodcock:** 1 was at Rathbun Res. on 22 Nov (TNJ).
- Red Phalarope:** 1 was at Rathbun Res. on 8-9 Nov (*THK-photos, *RLC, TNJ-photos, *JLF).
- Laughing Gull:** The juvenile seen during the summer season was still at Red Rock Res. on 1 Aug (*MPr).
- Franklin's Gull:** The highest count was 10,000 at Saylorville Res. on 3 Oct (BE). On 17 Oct, 2,000 were still in the Storm L. area (THK). More unusual were 500 in E Iowa at Credit Is. on 3 Nov (Cory Blevins fide PCP).
- Bonaparte's Gull:** The first were at Saylorville Res. on 3 Oct (BE). The high count was 225 at Rathbun Res. on 2 Nov (TNJ), and the last 2 were there on 28 Nov (RLC).
- Ring-billed Gull:** 50 imm. summered at Saylorville Res. (BE). About 10,000 were estimated at Red

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- Rock Res. on 7 Nov (RLC, THK).
- Herring Gull:** The first was at Saylorville Res. on 17 Oct (BE).
- Thayer's Gull:** 1 ad. was at Red Rock Res. on 9 Nov (*JLF)[3rd earliest].
- Caspian Tern:** The first were 2 at Casey Barrow Access on 16 Aug (DRP). The high count was 85 at Coralville Res. on 3 Sep (THK). The last was at L. Manawa on 21 Sep (BKP/LJP).
- Forster's Tern:** 122 were at L. Manawa on 2 Aug, a high count for that location (BKP/LJP). The last was at Coralville Res. on 22 Sep (DRP).
- Least Tern:** 1 ad. was at Saylorville Res. on 1 Aug (MPr).
- Black Tern:** The high count was 25 at Casey Barrow Access on 25 Aug (THK). The last 2 were at L. Manawa on 5 Sep (BKP/LJP).
- Black-billed Cuckoo:** 1-2 were reported from six locations from 1 Aug to 30 Sep. Another was last in Warren Co. on 10 Oct (JSi).
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** 1-4 were reported from six locations up to 4 Sep. Another was last in Linn Co. on 11 Sep (DLD).
- Great Horned Owl:** An arctic race bird was at Algona on 29 Nov (MCK).
- Snowy Owl:** Reports included 1 from Cerro Gordo Co. on 10 Oct (Denny Becker fide RG)[3rd earliest], an injured bird in Bremer Co. on 5 Nov (DSi), and a dead bird in Story Co. on 6 Nov (found by Ken Wiggers fide JJD).
- Burrowing Owl:** 1 was found dead on the grill of a local car in Pocahontas on 10 Sep (Stacy Newbrough fide JJD). Head bobbing was described for a bird n. of Colo in Story Co. on 11 Sep (Joe Kooiker fide JJD).
- Long-eared Owl:** The only report was of 2 at Badger Creek P. on 29 Nov (AMJ).
- Short-eared Owl:** Singles were reported from W Ida Co. on 3 Oct (PE), Hardin Co. on 16 Oct (THK), and Boone Co. on 21 Nov (MPr).
- Northern Saw-whet Owl:** Singles were reported from Mason City on 10 Nov (RG, JLW), L. Ahquabi SP on 15 Nov (AMJ, JLF, THK), and Moorehead P. in Ida Co. on 21 Nov (PE).
- Common Nighthawk:** Migrating flocks included 25 in Iowa City on 26 Aug (THK), 70 in Algona on 27 Aug (MCK), 120 in Linn Co. on 6 Sep (DLD), and 9 in Atlantic on 12 Sep (MAP). The last was in West Des Moines on 7 Oct (PA/RA).
- Chimney Swift:** After 40 years, the chimney at Fairfield High School where hundreds of swifts congregated in the fall was blocked, and the high count was only 7 on 24 Aug (DCP).
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** There were four reports from October, the last on the 8th in West Des Moines (PA/RA). Much later was an immature male on 1 Nov in Sioux City (Mike McKenzie fide BFH). — *WAS THIS A RECORD LATE DATE?*
- Lewis's Woodpecker:** On 14 Oct, Marion Brewer and Vernon Bierman found Iowa's 3rd Lewis's Woodpecker in rural Cherokee Co. north of Washta, and Marion provided information that helped many observers see the bird until the 18th (*MMB, *DBi, *PCP, *THK-photo, *MPr).
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** There were seven reports from September, with the first at Effigy Mounds NM on the 13th (DCP).
- Northern Flicker:** Reports of red-shafted birds were from Cerro Gordo (Lowell fide JJD), Pottawattamie (BKP/LJP), and Cherokee (MMB) counties.
- Pileated Woodpecker:** 1 was in Marshalltown on 11 and 13 Aug (Betty Savage fide MPr).
- Olive-sided Flycatcher:** A large number of single birds were reported as migrants, with the first on 2 Aug at Coralville Res. (JDu), and the last on 22 Sep in Pottawattamie Co. (BKP/LJP).
- Eastern Wood-Pewee:** 16 were in Winneshiek Co. on 14 Aug (DeC), and 2 were still singing in Sioux Co. on 25 Sep (JV).
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** The first was at Grammer Grove on 14 Aug (MPr), and the last was at Yellow River F. on 12 Sep (MPr).
- Western Flycatcher:** A potential first state record found by Ann Johnson and Beth Brown was at L. Ahquabi SP on 14-15 Nov. It was not identified as to species (Pacific-slope or Cordilleran)(*AMJ-photos, *THK-photo, *JLF-photo).
- Vermillion Flycatcher:** A female, which would represent a 3rd state record, was discovered by Jim Sinclair, and seen well by m.ob. at Rathbun Res. on 25 Oct (*JiS, *RLC, *TNJ, *JLF, *THK-photo, PA/RA-photo).

Great Crested Flycatcher: 1 on 3 Oct at Hitchcock Nature A. was late (BKP/LJP)[2nd latest].

Western Kingbird: Single birds seen away from their normal range in the Missouri R. valley were in Polk Co. on 30 Aug (PA/RA) and Cherokee Co. on 31 Aug (MMB).

Eastern Kingbird: 35 were counted at Forney L. on 5 Sep (TEB).

Tree Swallow: Large flocks of 250-600 individuals gathered in Fremont and Pottawattamie Cos. from 12 Aug to 5 Sep (BKP/LJP, RLC, TEB). The big news were the unprecedented birds in late November, when this species was reported from three reservoir locations by a number of observers. The last 3 observations, all late records, were 24 Nov at Rathbun Res. (*TNJ)[record latest], 17 Nov at Coralville Res. (JLF)[2nd latest], and 15 Nov near Red Rock Res. (JLF, THK)[3rd latest].

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: A flock of 250 was in Cerro Gordo Co. on 14 Aug (CJF).

Bank Swallow: 500 were in Cerro Gordo Co. on 12 Aug (CJF).

Barn Swallow: An albino was at Fairfield on 24 Aug (DCP). The last were 10 on 30 Oct at DeSoto NWR (BKP/LJP).

Blue Jay: A total of 3,027 passed by Hitchcock Nature A. in the Loess Hills from 13 Sep to 22 Oct (BKP/LJP). In just a half hour, 410 were counted at Union Slough NWR on 20 Sep (MCK), and a flock of 50 was in Sioux Co. on 30 Sep (JV).

Red-breasted Nuthatch: This species was widely reported throughout the period with the first on 12 Aug at Fairfield (DCP).

Carolina Wren: This species is widely reported now in the southern half of the state. Away from this range was 1 throughout the period at Effigy Mounds NM (DeC). Noteworthy were 12 at Mark Twain NWR in Louisa Co. on 28 Aug (PCP).

House Wren: The only report was 1 in Ida Co. on 15 Oct (PE).

Winter Wren: The first were in Cerro Gordo Co. on 22 Sep (CJF) and Winneshiek Co. on 23 Sep (DeC). The last was on 7 Nov in Johnson Co. (JLF).

Sedge Wren: 18 were at the Saylorville Res. on 15 Aug (BE), and 10 were at Snake Creek M. on 26 Sep (DCP). The last was 1 killed by a cat in Ida Co. on 9 Oct (PE).

Marsh Wren: 5-10 were at Snake Creek M. on 26 Sep (MPr, DCP).

Golden-crowned Kinglet: The high count was 26 on 8 Nov in Kossuth Co. (MCK).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: The first was on 30 Aug at Lacey-Keosauqua SP (JLF). The peak was 8 on 12 Oct at Fairfield (DCP). The last was on 27 Nov at L. MacBride SP (THK).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: The first was on 15 Aug in Johnson Co. (JLF), and the last was on 10 Sep, also in Johnson Co. (DLD).

Eastern Bluebird: Flocks of 45 and 39 were seen at Union Grove SP on 19 Oct (MPr), and in Kossuth Co. on 22 Nov (MCK), respectively.

Townsend's Solitaire: A single bird was in the Loess Hills n. of Waubonsie SP on 13 Nov (THK, JLF).

Veery: The only report was 1 in a Marion backyard 23-29 Aug (JDu).

Gray-cheeked Thrush: The only report was from Red Rock Res. on 5 Sep (JiS).

Swainson's Thrush: The first was on 23 Aug at Squaw Creek P. in Linn Co. (JDu), and the last was on 20 Sep in Wapello Co. (RLC).

Hermit Thrush: The last was at Sioux Center on 12 Oct (JV).

Wood Thrush: Reports of single birds in Marshall and Jasper Cos. on 14 and 15 Aug (MPr) may have been summer residents.

(The only other report was from Hickory Hill P. on 4 Sep (THK).

American Robin: The last in Sioux Co. were on 27 Nov (JV).

Gray Catbird: The last was on 9 Nov in Ida Co. (PE).

Brown Thrasher: The last was on 8 Oct in Ida Co. (PE).

American Pipit: The first was 1 on 19 Sep at Saylorville Res. (THK). Others were 2 at Rathbun Res. on 11 Oct (RLC), 8 at Coralville Res. on 20 Oct (THK), 10 at Saylorville Res. on 23 Oct (AMJ), 20 in Boone Co. on 27 Oct (SRL), and 73 at Saylorville Res. on 31 Oct (BE).

Cedar Waxwing: A peak of 252 was at the Saylorville Res. on 1 Nov (BE).

Northern Shrike: The first was on 25 Oct in Cherokee Co. (DBi). Single birds were also reported from Johnson, Cerro Gordo, Allamakee, Marion, and Sioux counties.

Loggerhead Shrike: November reports were from the south, with 3 in Marion Co. on 8 Nov (JLF), and 1 in Johnson Co. on 16 Nov (DLD).

- White-eyed Vireo:** Single birds were seen at Dudgeon L. in Benton Co. on 1 Aug (JDu), and in Wapello Co. on 20 Sep (RLC).
- Bell's Vireo:** The last was on 14 Sep in Ida Co. (PE).
- Solitary Vireo:** 3 were at Hitchcock Nature A. on 28 Sep (BKP/LJP).
- Yellow-throated Vireo:** The only reports were single birds in Johnson Co. on 6 Sep (DRP), and in Ida Co. on 14 Sep (PE).
- Philadelphia Vireo:** The only August report was from Johnson Co. on the 13th (JLF)[2nd earliest]. The last was also n. of Iowa City on 1 Oct (JLF).
- Red-eyed Vireo:** A single bird lingered in a Mason City backyard until 20 Oct (JLW)[3rd latest].
- Blue-winged Warbler:** The last was on 4 Sep at Hickory Hill P. (THK).
- Golden-winged Warbler:** This species was widely reported from 16 Aug in Marshall Co. (MPr) to 17 Sep in Tama Co. (MPr). The most were 4 at Call SP on 22 Aug (MCK).
- Tennessee Warbler:** This bird returned early, as there were 5 August reports, with the first on the 14th at Call SP (MCK). The peak was 10 at Yellow River F. on 27 Aug (DeC), and the last was on 19 Sep in Linn Co. (JDu).
- Orange-crowned Warbler:** The first was on 19 Sep at Snake Creek M. (JLF), and the last was at Hitchcock Nature A. on 23 Oct (BKP/LJP).
- Nashville Warbler:** This species had an extended migration, with the first on 15 Aug at Call SP (MCK), and the last on 1 Nov at L. MacBride SP (THK)[3rd latest].
- Yellow Warbler:** The last was on 14 Sep in Ida Co. (PE).
- Chestnut-sided Warbler:** Except for a record late bird on 21 Nov at Fairfield (DCP)[record latest], the extremes were both at Grammer Grove on 14 Aug and 19 Sep (MPr). A peak of 21 was recorded at Call SP on 27 Aug (MCK).
- Magnolia Warbler:** The first was on 24 Aug at Grammer Grove (MPr), and the last was on 1 Oct at Cardinal M. (DeC).
- ✓ **Cape May Warbler:** All reports were within a narrow range of six days, with the first on 3 Sep at Squaw Creek P. in Linn Co. (JDu). The high count of was 5 in Linn Co. on 5 Sep (DLD). The last was on 9 Sep in Mason City (JLW).
- Black-throated Blue Warbler:** There were more reports than usual for this species, which also had a very narrow migration window. The first were singles on 5 Sep in Marion Co. (JiS) and at Hickory Hill P (JLF), and the last was on 14 Sep in Mason City (JLW-details). Five other reports were from Warren, Johnson, and Allamakee counties.
- Yellow-rumped Warbler:** The last were 4 on 3 Nov at the Coralville Res. (THK).
- Black-throated Green Warbler:** The first was on 27 Aug in Warren Co. (AMJ), and the last was at Cardinal M. on 18 Sep (DeC).
- Blackburnian Warbler:** All reports were from August, with the first on the 13th in Johnson Co., and the last were 3 in Warren Co. on the 27th (AMJ).
- Pine Warbler:** An ad. male was n. of Iowa City on 6 Sep (JLF).
- Palm Warbler:** The first was on 19 Sep at Snake Creek M. (JLF), and 1 was still in Warren Co. on 17 Oct (AMJ)[3rd latest].
- Bay-breasted Warbler:** 3 in Story Co. on 19 Aug (MPr) were the first, while the last was at Mason City on 22 Sep (JLW). A peak of 8 occurred on 27 Aug at Call SP (MCK).
- Blackpoll Warbler:** Not as common as in the spring, only 1 bird was reported from Call SP on 22 Aug (MCK).
- Black-and-white Warbler:** The first was at Iowa City on 13 Aug (JLF), and the last appeared in Sioux Co. on 16 Oct (JV).
- American Redstart:** 12 at Effigy Mounds NM on 15 Aug may have been summer residents (DeC). The last were 2 on 18 Sep at Cardinal M. (DeC).
- Prothonotary Warbler:** A bird at Dudgeon L. on 1 Aug was probably a nester (JDu). Singles were also in Kossuth Co. on 19 Aug (MCK), Johnson Co. on 26 Aug (THK), and Dallas Co. on 27 Aug (JiS).
- Ovenbird:** The only report was 1 at Grammer Grove on 19 Sep (MPr).
- Northern Waterthrush:** Singles were at Grammer Grove on 21 Aug (MPr) and a window kill at Mason City on 7 Sep (RG).

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Connecticut Warbler: An early bird was in Ida Co. on 20 Aug (PE, details)[ties earliest]. Others were single birds at Grammer Grove on 25 Aug (MPr), Hickory Hill P. on 27-28 Aug (JLF, THK), and n. of Iowa City on 7 Sep (JLF).

Mourning Warbler: The first was on 20 Aug at Grammer Grove (MPr). The last was on 7 Sep at Trumbull L. (LAS). Seven other reports came from Ida, Kossuth, Warren, Grundy, Marshall, and Johnson counties.

Common Yellowthroat: A very late male was at Morgan Creek P. in Linn Co. on 27 Nov (*JeD)[3rd latest].

Canada Warbler: This species was widely reported with the first on 15 Aug at Ledges SP (JiS). The high count was 8 at Call SP on 27 Aug (MCK), and the last was on 13 Sep at Iowa City (DRP).

Scarlet Tanager: The last was on 20 Sep in Wapello Co. (RLC).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 14 were at Sweet M. in Bremer Co. on 7 Sep (DeC). An imm. male was in the backyard of Donna Rourick in Atlantic on 28 Nov (AMJ, *THK, *JLF). PHOTOS

Blue Grosbeak: A probable summer resident was in Lyon Co. on 1 Aug (DCH).

Indigo Bunting: The last was on 2 Oct in Marion Co. (JLF).

Dickcissel: There was only 1 report of a single bird on 12 Oct in Boone Co. (SRL).

Rufous-sided Towhee: This species was thought to be very scarce this fall in the NW (JV).

American Tree Sparrow: The first were on 18 Oct at Saylorville Res. (THK) and 19 Oct at Union Grove SP (MPr).

Clay-colored Sparrow: 2 were at Moorehead P. in Ida Co. on 14 Oct, and 1 was late on 23 Nov at Union Grove SP (MPr-details)[2nd latest].

Field Sparrow: 2 were still at the Coralville Res. on 25 Oct (DRP).

Savannah Sparrow: 33 were seen in Cass Co. on 14 Oct (MAP).

Le Conte's Sparrow: Up to 8 were at Snake Creek M. in Greene Co. 18-26 Sep (DCP-details, THK, JLF, JDu, MPr, AMJ), and 2-12 were s. of Mason City on 7-8 Oct (CJF, JLW, RG).

Sharp-tailed Sparrow: 1 was at the Saylorville Res. on 3 Oct (BE). All other reports were of 1-3 at Snake Creek M. in Greene Co. 18-26 Sep (DCP-details, THK, JLF, JDu, MPr, AMJ).

Fox Sparrow: The first was on 4 Oct at Grammer Grove (MPr).

Lincoln's Sparrow: The first were 2 on 19 Sep at Snake Creek M. (JLF). The peak of 24 on 26 Sep. The last on 28 Oct were in Ida Co. (PE). WAS 1 (?)

Swamp Sparrow: 50 were at Snake Creek M. on 26 Sep (DCP).

White-throated Sparrow: The first were on 12 Sep in Johnson Co. (JLF) and on 13 Sep in Allamakee Co. (JiS).

White-crowned Sparrow: The first was on 30 Sep in Ida Co. (PE).

Harris' Sparrow: The first was on 22 Sep at Moorehead P. (PE). Single birds reported from the east were in Allamakee Co. (DeC, LAS), Johnson Co. (DRP), and Linn Co. (Jeff Dankert fide DLD).

Dark-eyed Junco: 1 appeared at Trumbull L. in Clay Co. on 19 Sep (LAS)[3rd earliest]. Birds of the Oregon race were reported from Cerro Gordo Co. (RG, JLW).

Lapland Longspur: 1 was early on 6 Sep in Scott Co. (PCP)[record earliest]. There were flocks of 150-200 in Marshall Co. on 2 Nov (MPr) and Dallas Co. on 26 Nov (RLC).

Snow Bunting: The first were 2 on 27 Oct in Muscatine Co. (DCD); 29 Oct was quite early for a flock as large as 400 in Cerro Gordo Co. (CJF). Other reports from Nov were 1-4 birds in Johnson, Linn, and Marion counties.

Bobolink: 25 were thought to be migrants in Sioux Co. on 25 Sep (JV).

Western Meadowlark: 1 in Jefferson Co. on 1 Aug was considered unusual (DCP).

Yellow-headed Blackbird: The only report was of 17 at Saylorville Res. on 29 Aug (PA/RA).

Rusty Blackbird: The first were 20 on 30 Oct at De Soto NWR (BKP/LJP). Other large flocks were seen on 8 Nov, with 80 at Rice L. (DeC) and 375 in Kossuth Co. (MCK).

Brewer's Blackbird: Details were provided for 13 in Cherokee Co. (DBi-details) and 2 at Red Rock Res. (MPr-details), both groups seen on 7 Nov.

Common Grackle: Large flocks were 5,000 at Fairfield on 20 Sep (DCP), and 40,000 at Rathbun Res. on 7 Nov (RLC). Single birds were still present on 23 Nov in Cass Co. (MAP), on 24 Nov in Mason City (CJF-details), and at the end of the period in Sioux Co. (JV).

Purple Finch: The first 2 appeared on 11 Sep in Clayton Co. (MPr).

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Red Crossbill: The only reports were of a single bird in Cherokee Co. on 18 Oct (LAS) and 3 at L. Ahquabi SP on 15 Nov (AMJ).

Common Redpoll: All reports were of single birds; on 1 Nov at Red Rock Res. (AMJ), on 21 Nov in Cherokee Co. (DBi), and at a Sioux Center feeder on 29 Nov (JV).

Pine Siskin: September reports were of 3 on the 19th at Hitchcock Nature A. (BKP, LJP), and 8 at Saylorville Res. on the 27th (JDu). They were considered exceptionally abundant at Sioux Center at the end of the period (JV).

American Goldfinch: 3 were still in the nest on 20 Sep at Fairfield (DCP).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow: Apparently established n. of Burlington, birds were seen there throughout the period; 2 on 27 Aug (THK, JLF), 7 Sep (THK), 2 Oct (PCP), and 20 Nov (THK).

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