

Field Reports Form for Submitting Seasonal Observations of Iowa  
Birds

Season: Fall

Year: 1991

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Early snow on 11/7. Another snowfall on 11/22 thru 11/24. I saw Red-Headed Woodpeckers almost daily in over four years of feeding on this spot. A pair successfully nested in our yard during 1989 and 1990. Since adjoining Egli development began last spring I rarely see one. A year round resident Northern Cardinal pair visiting our feeders for over four years fed one ♂ and one ♀ fledgling at our feeders this fall. The ♀ adult was last seen on 10/2 at our feeders, and the ♂ adult was last seen on 10/14. Both juvenals still visit our feeders regularly. In order to discourage House Sparrows I left both tube sunflower feeders empty from 10/14-10/30 at 1:50 P.M. A small amount of niger was available, and mixed black and oiled sunflower were intermittently scattered on ground at that time.

| <u>Species</u>   | <u>No.</u>  | <u>Date</u> | <u>Location-Comment-Other<br/>Observers</u>   |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| Green Heron      | 1           | 8 Sept.     | Whitham Woods pond,<br>Fairfield. --2:00 P.M.<br>(Approximately). CAA & RMA   |
| Northern Flicker | 8 (counted) | 2 Oct.      | 601 S. "D" St., Fairfield. CAA<br>On well used woodpecker tree.<br>Heard adult call nearby.<br>9:25-9:45 A.M. (Approximately) |

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| ✓ Ruby-throated Hummingbird | 1          | 6 Oct.              | Yard.* CAA & RMA<br>Last we saw. --2:59 P.M.  |
| ✓ Eastern Wood Pewee        | 1          | 28 Aug.             | Chatauqua Park, Fairfield. CAA<br>♂ singing and hunting.<br>1:15 P.M. (Approximately)   |
| ✓ Olive-sided Flycatcher    | 1          | 23 Oct.             | Yard. CAA<br>Perched in tree top on woods<br>edge after thunderstorm.<br>4:45 P.M.  |
| Tufted Titmouse             | 4          | 1 Nov.              | Yard. CAA<br>Record number at feeder.<br>Regular at feeder this fall for<br>first time since Egli develop-<br>ment began. --11 A.M. |
| ✓ Carolina Wren             | 1          | 7 Sept.-<br>23 Oct. | Heard in or near yard regularly.<br>CAA<br>Saw at empty feeder in yard on<br>9/12 --8:50 A.M.                                       |
| American Robin              | 1          | 23 Oct.             | Yard. CAA<br>Last I saw. --10:33 A.M.   |
| ✓ Brown Thrasher            | 3          | 23 Sept.            | Yard. 3 at 8:15 A.M. CAA<br>2 at 9:10 A.M. CAA & RMA<br>Last we saw.  |
| ✓ Grey Catbird              | 1          | 30 Sept.            | Yard. CAA<br>Last I saw. --1:43 P.M.  |

\*References to "Yard" refer to 1103 Wedgewood Circle; Fairfield, IA (See top of page 1.)

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| ✓ Dark-eyed Junco         | 2          | 11 Oct.     | Yard. CAA & RMA<br>First we saw. --1:05 P.M.<br>(Approximately)                           |
| American Tree Sparrow     | 1          | 2-19 Nov.   | Yard. CAA & RMA<br>Saw juvenal regularly eating<br>seed on ground. Tame.                  |
| ✓ Yellow-headed Blackbird | 6          | 24 Aug.     | MIU Campus. CAA<br>Perched on phone lines on<br>Highway 1. --9:20 A.M.<br>(Approximately) |
| House Finch               | 2          | 13 Oct.     | Yard. CAA<br>♂ and ♀ on territory at feeder.<br>1:37 P.M.                                 |
| House Finch               | 2          | 2 Nov.      | Yard. CAA<br>♂ and ♀ on territory at feeder.<br>1:31 P.M.                                 |
| ✓ House Finch             | 7          | 25 Nov.     | Yard. CAA<br>4♀ and 3♂ on territory at<br>feeders. 1:11 P.M.                              |
| Purple Finch              | 1          | 3 Nov.      | Yard. CAA<br>♂--first of year. 7:19 A.M.  |