

FIELD REPORTS**August 1 through November 30, 1991**

FROM:

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OTHER OBSERVERS:

Sam Dunkle Francis Moore
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Bery Engebretsen Bob Myers
 Des Moines, IA Perry, IA

Charles Fuller Babs & Loren Padleford
 Burlington, IA Bellevue, NE

Jane Fuller Mark & Beth Proescholdt
 Iowa City, IA Liscomb, IA

Ann Johnson
 Norwalk, IA

NOTE: In the "OBSERVERS" column, if there is an * after the name, this designates the person who FIRST made the observation.

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| Pacific Loon | 1 | 16 Nov. | Pleasant Creek S.P., Linn Co. | P & R Allen M & B Proescholdt |
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NOTE: This winter plumaged bird had a very visible "chin strap" or "necklace" and was observed from about 100 yards. The dark eye was just covered by the very dark pearly gray bordering that covered the head, nape and back of neck; the cheek, throat and sides of the neck were white (except for the "chin strap"). The small, pointed bill was held horizontally.

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| Western Grebe | 6 | 31 Aug. | Silver Lake, Worth Co. | P & R Allen |
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NOTE: There were 5 adults and 1 immature birds present. The juvenile was on the opposite side of the lake as the adults.

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| Double Crested Cormorant | 1 | 30 Nov. | Red Rock Reservoir | P & R Allen |
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NOTE: This bird was below the dam and was "spooked" up when a Bald Eagle harassed the hundreds of Ring-billed Gulls and a few Mallards which were sitting on a gravel bar with it below the dam.

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| Canada Goose | 1 | 24 Nov. | Country Club Development West Des Moines, IA | P & R Allen |
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NOTE: The only reason this is included is because the bird was banded with an orange neck band and the numbers and letters (white) were TV 50. Should these be reported to anyone?

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| Piping Plover | 1 | 30 Aug. | Saylorville Reservoir | P & R Allen |
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NOTE: This bird was first observed by Bery Engebretsen the day before we saw it. It was a winter-plumaged Piping Plover and was located above Sandpiper Beach at Saylorville in some short weeds.

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| Solitary Sandpiper | 1 | 13 Oct. | Hickory Grove Park near Colo/Nevada | P & R Allen |
| <u>NOTE:</u> Late Date? Photo enclosed, although not very good. It does, however, show the dominate eye ring. This bird was first observed by Hank Zaletel on previous days. | | | | |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 1 | 17 Sept. | Saylorville Reservoir Sandpiper Beach | P & R Allen |
| Red Phalarope | 1 | 26 & 27 Sept. | Saylorville Reservoir Sandpiper Beach | P & R Allen-9/26&27 Bob Myers-9/26 Ann Johnson-9/26 |
| <u>NOTE:</u> DOCUMENTATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS/SLIDES ENCLOSED. This bird was first observed by Mark Proescholdt. | | | | |
| Sabine's Gull | 1 | 26 Oct. | Bettendorf, IA at the bottom of 12th Street & the Mississippi River near the docking facilities of the Diamond Lady riverboat | L & B Padleford* P & R Allen |
| Common Ground-Dove | 1 | 26 Oct. | Cedar Rapids, IA near Adirondack Dr. N.E. & Cedar Lake | Sam Dunkle* P & R Allen Francis Moore C. Fuller Jane Fuller |
| <u>NOTE:</u> DOCUMENTATION ENCLOSED. This bird was first observed by Sam Dunkle on a previous day and he met us there to help us locate the bird. | | | | |
| Common Nighthawk | 73 | 3 Oct. | 1601 Pleasant St. West Des Moines, IA | Pam Allen |
| Pileated Woodpecker | 1 | 12 Oct. | Below Sycamore Access along bike trail along Des Moines River south of Saylorville Reservoir | P & R Allen |
| Winter Wren | 1 | 5 Oct. | Walnut Woods S.P. Polk County, IA | P & R Allen |
| Hermit Thrush | 1 | 2 Nov. | Saylorville Reservoir Visitor Center | P & R Allen |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | 1 | 18 Sept. | 1601 Pleasant St West Des Moines, IA | Pam Allen* Reid Allen |
| <u>NOTE:</u> This beautiful male stayed around the yard for most of the morning, although it stayed out of sight when Eugene and Eloise Armstrong came in to try to find the bird. We had so hoped we could provide Eloise with a sighting since it is the "only bird on the card" she has yet to see. | | | | |

December 2, 1991

Thomas H. Kent
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RE: Field Reports - August 1 through November 30, 1991

Dear Tom:

Enclosed are our Field Reports for the fall period of reporting. There are documentations, photographs and slides also enclosed.

Hope to see you at the field trip at Red Rock on Saturday.

Good Birding!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pam".

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