

FIELD REPORTS

March 1 through May 31, 1993

FROM:

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OTHER OBSERVERS:

Eloise & Eugene Armstrong (Armstrong)
Booneville, IAMaridel Jackson (Jackson)
Ankeny, IA

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

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVERS
✓ Common Loon	10	10 Apr	Big Creek State Pk	P & R Allen
✓ Eared Grebe	2	19 May	Lakin Slough-Middle	P & R Allen
	4	19 May	Badger Creek Rec. Area	P & R Allen
✓ Brown Pelican	1	31 May	Rathbun Lake--dam	P & R Allen
NOTE:			Photo documentation by Reid I. Allen enclosed	
✓ Double-crested Cormorant	1	4 Apr	Bay's Branch	P & R Allen
✓ Great Egret	1	4 Apr	Armstrong's--1 mi S	P & R Allen
✓ Snowy Egret	1	30 May	Freemont Co.--1/2 mi N of intersection of L31 & Hwy 2	P & R Allen
NOTE:			Black bill, black legs and yellow feet	
Wood Duck	4	13 Mar	Louisa Co.-Pagel Flaming Prairie Park	P & R Allen
Green-winged Teal	2	20 Mar	Cone Marsh	P & R Allen Armstrongs
Blue-winged Teal	2	20 Mar	Cone Marsh	P & R Allen Armstrongs
✓ Cinnamon Teal	1	20 Mar	Cone Marsh	P & R Allen Armstrongs
NOTE:			Male in alternate plumage	
✓ Canvasback	1	19 May	Lakin Slouth--middle	P & R Allen

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Hooded Merganser	2	13 Mar	Mark Twain NWR--Big Timber Division	P & R Allen
✓ Ruddy Duck	149	9 Apr	Pleasant Creek State Park	P & R Allen Armstrong's
✓ Peregrine Falcon	1	7 Mar	Saylorville Lake--intake tower	P & R Allen Jackson
		<u>NOTE:</u>	Adult male with full hood/helmet.	
American Coot	1	15 Mar	Crown Pt--Terra Lake, Johnston, IA	P & R Allen
✓ Sandhill Crane	6	9 Apr	Otter Creek State Park	P & R Allen Armstrong's
		<u>NOTE:</u>	Calling or more appropriate "yelling" at each other--A couple of them had a lot of visible "staining" still present	
✓ Black-bellied Plover	1	19 May	Lakin Slouth--south end	P & R Allen
✓ Lesser Golden-Plover	139	21 Apr	Ankeny Ponds	P & R Allen
✓ Piping Plover	1	30 May	IPL Ponds	P & R Allen
		<u>NOTE:</u>	There was only this one lone Piping Plover sitting on her nest/scrape	
✓ Ruddy Turnstone	4 9	19 May 23 May	Badger Creek Rec. Area Dallas Co.--1 mi E of intersection of R16 & Hwy 6	P & R Allen
✓ Common Nighthawk	8	8 May	Walnut Woods State Park	P & R Allen
✓ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	13 thru 26 May	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	P & R Allen
		<u>NOTE:</u>	This male bird would only come in the morning for about 15 minutes to drum on our furnace vent.	
✓ Western Kingbird	2	23 May	State Capitol Bldg., DM	P & R Allen
		<u>NOTE:</u>	The female was just starting to build a nest low in a Sycamore tree near South entrance to the Capitol.	

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✓ Rock Wren	1	25 April	Warren Co.--Younblut residence	P & R Allen Armstrongs
		<u>NOTE:</u>	Photo Documentation by Reid I. Allen enclosed	
Swainson's Thrush	1-4	1 thru ✓ 31 May	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	P & R Allen
		<u>NOTE:</u>	The one remaining Swainson's Thrush was still singing his heart out on the evening of the 31st.	
^a ✓ Grey Catbird	1	24 Apr	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	P & R Allen
Blue-winged Warbler*	1	5 May	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	Pam Allen
	1	27 May	Ledges State Park	P & R Allen
✓ Northern Parula Warbler	1	11 May	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	P & R Allen
✓ Black-and-White Warbler	1	26 May	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	P & R Allen
✓ Northern Waterthrush*	2	3 May	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	P & R Allen
✓ Mourning Warbler	2	25 May	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	P & R Allen
✓ Wilson's Warbler	1	5 May	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	Pam Allen
✓ Yellow-Breasted Chat*	1	11 May	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	Pam Allen

NOTE: The only reason most of these warblers are listed is because they appeared in our yard for the first time this Spring (those marked with an *). We live in a very suburban setting, very close to the interstate with a drainage culvert running through a small stand of woods. It seemed strange (but great) to have what I consider more Southeasterly birds here. We also had two Black-billed Cuckoos appear for the first time ever. Our "yard list" is growing to be quite a nice sum at 129.

✓ Blue Grosbeak	4	30 May	Pottawattamie Co.--1-1/2 mi E of I-29 and the IPL Ponds	P & R Allen
		<u>NOTE:</u>	There were 3 males and 1 female	

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVERS
Field Sparrow	1	8 Apr	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	P & R Allen
Black-throated Sparrow	1	20 Mar	Waterloo, IA--Hanson residence	P & R Allen Armstrongs
<u>NOTE:</u>			Photo Documentation by Reid I Allen enclosed	
Savannah Sparrow	1	21 Apr	Moeckly Prairie--1-1/2 mi N	P & R Allen
Sharp-tailed Sparrow	1	19 May	Snake Creek Marsh	P & R Allen
<u>NOTE:</u>			This Sharp-tailed Sparrow was sitting up on a cattail right by the side of the road; very evident were the white streaks on the upper back area, the orangish-buff facial coloring (with same coloring across upper breast) with grey cheek/ear patch; dark crown stripe with dark grey center crown stripe.	
Great-tailed Grackle	4	25 Apr	Long Pond	P & R Allen Armstrong's
<u>NOTE:</u>			Photo by Reid I. Allen enclosed	