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All Effigy Mounds National Monument (EMNM) records are from the north (Allamakee County) portion of the park. Winneshiek County localities include Cardinal Marsh, Decorah, and Hageman Farm Pond near Burr Oak. I was out of the state during most of October.

SPECIES DATA

Western Grebe: 4 adults and 1 juvenal were discovered at Silver Lake, Worth Co. on 14 Aug and observed by others on later dates. Documentation Form is attached.

American White Pelican: 400 were seen at Black Hawk Lake, Sac Co. on 19 Sep. Smaller numbers were seen in Winnebago and ~~Winneshiek~~^{Worth} Cos. on 10 Sep.

✓ Tundra Swan: 500 on Pool 9, near Harpers Ferry, on 16 Nov.

Surf Scoter: 2 ♀ or Im. on Hageman Farm Pond, near Burr Oak, Winneshiek Co., 23-29 Sep. Documentation Form is attached.

Ruddy Duck: 9 at Silver Lake Worth Co. on 14 Aug and 14 at Silver Lake on 10 Sep.

Osprey: Singles at EMNM on 31 Aug and 14 Sep; 1 seen at Cardinal Marsh on 17 Sep.

Sora: 5 at Cardinal Marsh on 17 Sep.

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- ✓ Killdeer: Peak was 72 at Hageman Farm Pond, Winneshiek Co. on 25 Sep.
- ✓ Red-necked Phalarope: 1 was seen spinning on Hageman Farm Pond, near Burr Oak, on 24 Sep. Whitish stripes on back were seen and also white wing stripes in flight. It was also observed by Arnold and Dolores Rohm and Lee Zieke.
- ✓ Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 seen at Decorah on 9 Aug.
- ✓ Cliff Swallow: Peak was 1200 at Cardinal Marsh on 5 Sep.
- ✓ Red-breasted Nuthatch: 2 were found at Sweet Marsh, Bremer Co. (also seen by Mary Jo Hartogh) on 2 Sep.; 1 found at EMNM on 24 Sep.
- ✓ Carolina Wren: 1 found at EMNM on 3 Aug and during remainder of period with 2 on 6 Sep and 8 Nov.
- ✓ American Pipit: 20 near Burr Oak, Winneshiek Co. on 23 Sep; also 3 there on 25 Sep and 2 on 29 Sep.
- ✓ Solitary Vireo: 1 at EMNM on 28 Sep.
- ✓ Philadelphia Vireo: Singles at EMNM on 31 Aug and 14 Sep. This species and several red-eyed and warbling vireos fed daily on Arrowwood Viburnum berries at EMNM visitor center during this period.
- ✓ Golden-winged Warbler: 2 seen at Sweet Marsh, Bremer Co. on 2 Sep., also seen by Mary Jo Hartogh.
- ✓ Tennessee Warbler: Peak count was 10 at EMNM on 6 Sep; last was 1 at EMNM on 28 Sep.
- ✓ Magnolia Warbler: 2 were seen at EMNM on 24 Aug, 1 at Decorah on 19 Aug and 2 at EMNM on 28 Sep; also 2 seen at Sweet Marsh on 2 Sep.

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- ✓ Palm Warbler: 2 at Sweet Marsh, Bremer Co. on 2 Sep were early; they were also seen by Mary Jo Hartogh.
- ✓ Bay-breasted Warbler: Peak was 20 at EMNM on 6 Sep.
- ✓ Prothonotary Warbler: Last was 1 at EMNM on 17 Aug.
- ✓ Kentucky Warbler: 1 was seen at EMNM on 6 Sep.
- ✓ Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Peak was 15 at EMNM on 14 Sep.
- ✓ Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 was found at Cardinal Marsh on 1 Oct.
- ✓ Rusty Blackbird: 2 were seen near Burr Oak, Winneshiek Co. on 29 Sep.
- House Finch: A female seen at EMNM on 28 Sep was the first known record for this park.
- Fox Sparrow: 17 were seen at EMNM on 8 Nov., an unusual concentration which apparently resulted from the snowstorm; they were feeding in the few open areas at the base of the river bluffs.

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