

**Field Reports Form for Submitting Seasonal Observations of Iowa
Birds**

Season: Spring

Year: 1993

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Other Observers: Richard M. Alexander
Same

Species

No. Date

Location-Comment-
Other Observers

Temperatures were about average. My feeders were empty most of season. Put black sunflower seed on ground and filled empty suet on 19 April. Suet was gone by sometime in May. Filled sunflower feeders on 12 May. On 15 May three men with a bow and large sledge hammer entered Lamson Woods in Fairfield. I told authorities.

✓ American White Pelican 100 11 April Ottumwa--Greater Ottumwa Park. CAA & RMA--Three Great Egrets in same flock. Most of flock standing in mudflats. Some swimming.

✓ Great Egret 3 11 April Ottumwa.
(See American White Pelican.)

✓ Osprey 1 3 May Lamoni. RMA--Perched in tree overlooking pond close to interstate.

✓ Common Nighthawk 15 19 May Fairfield.
RMA--Hunting for moths on wing by lights of Hardees parking lot.

✓ Ruby-throated Hummingbird 1 15 May Fairfield.
My back yard. RMA--Hovered by soon to open honeysuckle vine buds. Then perched on honeysuckle branch.

Red-headed Woodpeckers Late May Fairfield.
Seem abundant. Neighbor currently moving in next door plans to shoot them to prevent their possibly excavating his house.

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Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4 or more	5 May	Fairfield.
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Gray Catbird	1	10 May	Fairfield. My back yard. Eating either milo or white proso millet on ground in woods.
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House Sparrow

Fairfield..

Last spring I put two wren houses in my yard, instead of my usual one. I took them down last summer due to House Sparrows battling the House Wrens and moving in. I did not put them up this year. Perhaps the loss of woods due to Dr. Egli's nearby development is causing some of the increasing House Sparrow problem. House Sparrows have become a nuisance at my feeders and in my yard since the development began.