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* The statement first seen since "October 91," means the first ones observed since I have moved to Ida County in October of 1991.

Several good sized flocks of warblers were observed early in migration at Moorehead park. The event of the fall had to be on the 27th of August. 10 species were identified, but the size and constant motion made identification extremely difficult. Within a circle of about 50 feet I would estimate that I saw several hundred (250 -300) birds. This is one of the largest flocks of warblers that I can ever remember observing. The reason for this may have been the combination of two or three small flocks combining on the evening of the 26th of August, plus an infusion of new migrants on the same evening.

~~W~~HORNED GREBE, one in winter plumage was observed at Moorehead park on the 6th of November.

~~H~~EARED GREBE, in winter plumage, gray in color, "fluffy" looking, humped back, ear patch, thin bill. One was at Crawford Creek Recreation Area on the 11th, 12th, and 14th of November.

~~G~~REEN-BACKED HERON, the last one observed was at Moorehead park on the 8th of October.

NORTHERN HARRIER, one was observed on the 3rd of October on the Woodbury/Ida County line, this bird was observed in a field adjacent to the short eared owl sighting on the same day, one was observed on the 6th of November in Ida County,

~~B~~UTEO: Krider's race Red Tail Hawk?, extremely white Buteo throughout the head chest and back, pinkish rather than red tail. Observed on the 28th of August at Moorehead park.

Cross between western race color morphs-Rufous and Dark, on the 7th of November at Moorehead park a bird was observed which had a rufous head and neck which extended to where the necklace of a typical Red Tail Hawk would be expected, black on rest of body, ~~black dorsal side of tail~~ was rufous, ^{oh top} ventral striped lighter colored ~~gray primaries~~ ^{on bat form}. Beautiful colored bird, wish there were more like it. ~~Observed at Moorehead park on the 7th of November.~~

~~H~~arlan's Hawk, ~~small to~~ medium sized Buteo, blackish bird throughout the body, white spots on the body, ~~tail finely streaked~~ primaries, lighter than rest of body, tail was grayish. Observed at Moorehead park on the 13th of November

ROUGH LEGGED HAWK, the first one observed in Ida County was on the 3rd of November.

*PEREGRINE FALCON, one was a fly over at Cobb Park in Ida Grove on the 21st of November. Angular wings, strong mechanical wing beats, larger than a Merlin-closer to crow size. No color or tags were observed as the lighting was poor.

LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER, ploversized birds with no white showing in the wings, brownish in color with a streaked chest, 21 of them were observed in a freshly picked bean field, just west of Odeboldt in Sac County on the 22nd of September.

SHORT BILLED DOWITCHER, one in winter plumage calling tu, tu, tu, was Crawford Creek Recreation Area on the 4th of September.

RING BILLED GULL, the first and only two were observed at Crawford Creek Recreation Area on the 27th of September.

YELLOW BILLED CUCKOO, the last one seen at Moorehead park was on the 4th of September.

SHORT EARED OWL, on the 3rd of October, a tawny brown owl, with a distinctive facial disc, crow size, (ears tufts were not observed in flight), was flushed out of scrub oak. The bird flew away from me into Ida County, the bird then turned around and flew directly towards me. At about 20 feet the bird swerved over to a field to the west (Woodbury County), and then flew to the nearest farm grove.

NORTHERN SAW WHET OWL, the first one observed was on the 21st of November. The bird was observed in a pine grove at Moorehead park. A Northern Saw Whet Owl was observed in the same location last year.

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER, the first one observed in Ida County since October of 91 was an immature at Moorehead park on the 28th of September.

OLIVE SIDED FLYCATCHER, the first one was observed on the 18th of August, another one was observed on the 26th of August.

EASTERN PHOEBE, the only three observed were at Moorehead park on the 22nd of September.

RED BREASTED NUTHATCH, the first one observed in Ida County was on the 21st of September, the last one observed was on the 27th of September in a different location than the first.

BROWN CREEPER, the first one observed was in a cemetery in ~~an~~ Ida Grove ~~cemetery~~ on the 6th of November.

GRAY CATBIRD, the last one observed was on the 9th of November

at Moorehead park.

BROWN THRASHER, the last one observed was on the 8th of October at Moorehead park.

HOUSE WREN, the last one observed at Moorehead park was on the 15th of October.

WINTER WREN, chestnut colored, slight eye line, black stripes on the belly. All observations were made at Moorehead park, the first one observed was on the 27th of September. Another one was observed on the 12th of October, two observed at the same location on the 14th & 15th of October.

SEDGE WREN, a cat killed specimen was brought to the park office on the 9th of October.

GOLDEN CROWNED KINGLET, the first one was observed on the 6th of October.

RUBY CROWNED KINGLET, the first ones observed were on the 28th of September.

YELLOW THROATED VIREO, the only one observed in Ida County since October of 91 was at Moorehead park on the 14th of September.

BELL'S VIREO, the last one observed at Moorehead park was on the 14th of September.

SOLITARY VIREO, the peak was two at Moorehead park on the 14th of September, the last one observed was on the 19th of September in a pine grove at the Ida Grove highschool.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO, the last one observed was on the 7th of September at the Crawford Creek Recreation Area.

RED EYED VIREO, the last one observed was on the 14th of September at Moorehead park.

GOLDEN WINGED WARBLER, the first one observed since October of 91 was on the 26th of August at Moorehead park. *Unexpected !!*

TENNESSEE WARBLER, the first two were observed on the 18th of August at Moorehead park, the peak was 6 on August 26th and on the 4th of September at Moorehead park, the last one observed was at Moorehead park on the 14th of September.

ORANGE CROWNED WARBLER, the first one observed was on the 22nd of September, peak was 4 on the 28th of September, the last 3 observed were on the 3rd of October.

NASHVILLE WARBLER, the first 3 observed were on the 20th of August, the last one observed was on the 8th of October, both observations were at Moorehead park.

YELLOW WARBLER, the last one observed at Moorehead park was on the 14th of September.

CHESTNUT SIDED WARBLER, the first 3 were observed on the 26th of August, the last one observed was on the 14th of September at Moorehead park.

MAGNOLIA WARBLER, the first 3 were observed on the 26th of August, immatures seemed to outnumber the matures, far more common in the fall than in the spring, the last two (immatures) were observed at Moorehead park on the 4th of September.

YELLOW RUMPED WARBLER, the first twelve observed at Moorehead park were on the 19th of September.

BLACK THROATED GREEN WARBLER, one was observed on the 26th of August at Moorehead park.

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER, the first 2 were observed at Moorehead park on the 26th of August, the last and the peak were 4 at Moorehead park on the 27th of August.

PALM WARBLER, the first one observed was on the 19th of September in a pine grove at the Ida Grove highschool.

BAY BREASTED WARBLER, the only one observed since October of 91 in Ida County was at Moorehead park on the 27th of August.

BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER, the first 5 were observed at Moorehead park on the 26th of August, the last 3 were observed at Moorehead park on the 14th of September.

AMERICAN REDSTART, the first 2 at Moorehead park were observed on the 26th of August, the last one observed was on the 4th of September at Moorehead park.

OVENBIRD, the last one observed at Moorehead park was on the 14th of September.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER, full gray bib, light complete eye ring, yellowish underneath, olive body, was observed on the 20th of August at Moorehead park, one observed on the 26th may have been the same bird.

MOURNING WARBLER, blackish bib, incomplete eye ring, one was observed on the 26th of August.

WILSON'S WARBLER, the last 2 were observed at Moorehead park on the 14th of September.

CANADA WARBLER, the first one observed at Moorehead park was on the 26th of August, the last one observed was on the 27th of August at Moorehead park.

✓ SCARLET TANAGER, a lemon colored bird with black wings and tail was observed on the 15th of September.

✓ ^{was} AMERICAN TREE SPARROW, the first one ~~was~~ observed in Ida County on the 22nd of October at Moorehead park.

✓ CLAY COLORED SPARROW, similar to fall chipping sparrow, except for the gray nape/shoulder and brown rump. Two were observed on the 14th of October, chasing and or harassing two winter wrens.

FOX SPARROW, the first one was observed on the 15th of October, the peak was 9 at Moorehead park on the 28th of October.

✓ LINCOLN'S SPARROW, lightly streaked brown breast, gray head, buffy breast, wings not red. The first 6 were observed at Moorehead park on the 22nd of September, a remarkable 24 were observed in one location at Crawford Creek Recreation Area on the 26th of September, the last one observed was on the 28th of October. The last sighting was unusual in that I observed an immature Swamp Sparrow, Song Sparrow and Lincoln Sparrow all within 50 feet of each other.

✓ WHITE THROATED SPARROW, the first two at Moorehead was on the 22nd of September.

WHITE CROWNED SPARROW, the first one observed was one the 30th of September, the peak of 6 were observed on the 6th of October at Cobb park in Ida Grove.

✓ HARRIS SPARROW, the first one observed at Moorehead park was on the 22nd of September.

MEADOWLARK SP., the last one observed was on the 13th of November.

PINE SISKIN, the first 28 were observed on the 12th of October at Moorehead park, another flock 13 were observed in a different part of the county on the 18th of October.

✓ Dark Eyed Junco - first one at Moorehead park was on the 22nd of September.