

## FALL 1991 FIELD REPORT SUMMARY

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The entire fall season has been a yo-yo insofar as the weather is concerned. An August cold front seemed to start the passerine migration a bit early. A number of warbler species had arrived by mid-August and there must have been a big push at that time as the earlier migrants seemed to peak shortly thereafter. This may have been the best fall yet for numbers of some species. By the second week in September, summer returned and the warblers for all practical purposes disappeared.

Vireos made a great showing in my yard, not so much in numbers but in diversity. A Bell's Vireo began singing on 8 August and was seen on numerous occasions during the following three weeks. On 24 August Bob & John Cecil and Jim Sinclair joined me and the Bell's was singing. Periodically there would come a sound of a White-eyed Vireo, but the bird we all observed was a Bell's. On 31 August I was able to track down both songs coming from different areas of the yard and found a remarkable singing White-eyed (with a dark eye) juvenile. On that particular day all seven species of vireos found in Iowa were present.

Shorebirds were present in great numbers as the high water from Red Rock Reservoir receded at just the right time. For the second straight year, Buff-breasted Sandpipers were relatively easy to find in appropriate habitat. I have no idea what brought the onslaught of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, but people everywhere were commenting on their numbers.

The weather patterns seemed to move many birds, most notably loons and grebes, right through with very few bothering to stop. By the end of the period, Red Rock Reservoir had been nearly frozen over before opening up again. This undoubtedly had an impact on many of the water-related migrants, but it did provide a great concentration of gulls below the dam.

Freezing rain followed by intense cold during the first weekend of November provided some interesting and varied birding. Sanderlings, Common Ground-Dove, Forster's Tern, Am. White Pelican, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, and Nashville and Yellow-rumped Warblers were joined by at least one Black-legged Kittiwake. 91 species were seen over the course of a three-day weekend in weather that ranged from 40 degree rain to near 0.

As the period ended more northerly species appeared in relative abundance. Northern Goshawks have been seen at two locations and the number of Rough-legged Hawks has already surpassed what I saw all of last winter. Winter finches have been sporadic so far.

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COMMON LOON	10/19/91 No. = 6 ✓	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA
PIED-BILLED GREBE	08/04/91 No. = 2 ✓ juvinal plumage	Lakin's Slough	Guthrie	IA
PIED-BILLED GREBE	10/02/91 No. = 22 ✓ peak	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA
HORNED GREBE	11/01/91 No. = 6 ✓	Cedar Lake	Linn	IA
EARED GREBE	11/03/91 No. = 1 ✓	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA
AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN	08/03/91 No. = 3000 ✓ peak	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Marion	IA
GREAT EGRET	08/10/91 No. = 138 ✓	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Marion	IA
GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE	09/14/91 No. = 1 ✓ early; seen on IOU field trip	near Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
OLDSQUAW	11/11/91 No. = 1 ✓ dark juvenile male	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
OLDSQUAW	11/24/91 No. = 1 looked like same bird as 11/11	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER	11/16/91 No. = 1 ✓	Red Rock Reservoir ✓	Marion	IA
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER	11/24/91 No. = 3 ✓	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
OSPREY	09/15/91 No. = 1 new yard bird	yard ✓	Warren	IA
OSPREY	10/02/91 No. = 2 ✓	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA
BALD EAGLE	10/23/91 No. = 3 ✓ one fourth year bird with orange tags on both wings	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Marion	IA
NORTHERN GOSHAWK	11/11/91 No. = 1 ✓ adult	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
NORTHERN GOSHAWK	11/16/91 No. = 1 adult	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA

NORTHERN GOSHAWK	11/23/91 No. = 1 ✓ immature; broad white superciliary;	yard zig-zag pattern to tail band	Warren	IA
SWAINSON'S HAWK	08/03/91 No. = 1 ✓	near Pleasantville	Marion	IA
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK	10/26/91 No. = 1 ✓ first of winter	north of Cedar Rapids more already this year than all last winter	Linn	IA
PEREGRINE FALCON	09/07/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
PEREGRINE FALCON	10/02/91 No. = 1 ✓	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA
PRAIRIE FALCON	10/27/91 No. = 1 ✓ see documentation	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren	IA
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER	08/24/91 No. = 17 ✓ peak	Runnells W.A.	Polk	IA
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER	11/07/91 No. = 5 ✓	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER	11/25/91 No. = 1 ✓ last	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
SEMPALMATED PLOVER	08/10/91 No. = 21 ✓ peak	Runnells WA	Polk/Warren/Mar	IA
SEMPALMATED PLOVER	10/20/91 No. = 1 ✓ last	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Marion	IA
LESSER YELLOWLEGS	09/07/91 No. = 300 ✓ peak	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Marion	IA
LESSER YELLOWLEGS	11/07/91 No. = 1 ✓ last	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
WILLET	09/15/91 No. = 1 ✓	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Marion	IA
SPOTTED SANDPIPER	10/27/91 No. = 1 ✓ last	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren	IA
RUDDY TURNSTONE	09/07/91 No. = 1 ✓	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Marion	IA
SANDERLING	09/07/91 No. = 1 ✓ first	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Marion	IA
SANDERLING	09/26/91 No. = 3 ✓	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA

SANDERLING	11/01/91 No. = 2	Pleasant Creek SP	Linn	IA
SANDERLING	11/02/91 No. = 2 ✓ one bird still very brown	Pleasant Creek SP	Linn	IA
SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER	08/04/91 No. = 350 ✓	Bay's Branch	Guthrie	IA
SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER	08/10/91 No. = 500 ✓ peak	Runnells WA	Polk/Warren/Mar	IA
WESTERN SANDPIPER	08/04/91 No. = 11 ✓ rusty caps and scapulars contrasting	Bay's Branch	Guthrie	IA
			with grayer body; group separate from semis	
LEAST SANDPIPER	08/04/91 No. = 150 ✓	Bay's Branch	Guthrie	IA
LEAST SANDPIPER	08/10/91 No. = 250 ✓	Runnells WA	Polk/Warren/Mar	IA
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER	08/04/91 No. = 3 ✓	Bay's Branch	Guthrie	IA
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER	08/10/91 No. = 14 ✓	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren/Marion	IA
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER	08/24/91 No. = 21 ✓ peak	Runnells W.A.	Polk	IA
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER	10/02/91 No. = 2 ✓ last	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA
PECTORAL SANDPIPER	08/04/91 No. = 500 ✓	Bay's Branch	Guthrie	IA
PECTORAL SANDPIPER	08/10/91 No. = 1500 ✓ peak	Runnells WA	Polk/Warren/Mar	IA
PECTORAL SANDPIPER	11/02/91 No. = 4 ✓ last	Pleasant Creek SP	Linn	IA
DUNLIN	10/27/91 No. = 59 ✓	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren	IA
DUNLIN	11/11/91 No. = 3 ✓	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
STILT SANDPIPER	09/02/91 No. = 218 ✓ actual count	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Marion	IA
STILT SANDPIPER	09/07/91 No. = 500 ✓ estimate based on numbers 5 days before	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Marion	IA

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER	08/03/91 No. = 6 ✓	South River bottom	Warren	IA
BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER	08/03/91 No. = 3 ✓	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER	08/10/91 No. = 3 ✓	Runnells WA	Polk	IA
BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER	10/02/91 No. = 2 ✓	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA
BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER	10/08/91 No. = 1 ✓ last	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER	08/10/91 No. = 1 ✓	Runnells WA	Polk	IA
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER	09/02/91 No. = 3 ✓	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Marion	IA
LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER	10/02/91 No. = 2 ✓	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA
LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER	10/12/91 No. = 2 ✓	Big Creek W.A.	Polk	IA
LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER	10/27/91 No. = 7 ✓	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren	IA
RED-NECKED PHALAROPE	08/18/91 No. = 1 ✓	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren	IA
RED-NECKED PHALAROPE	09/02/91 No. = 2 ✓	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Marion	IA
RED PHALAROPE	09/26/91 No. = 1 ✓ see documentation	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA
RED PHALAROPE	09/29/91 No. = 1	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA
LAUGHING GULL	08/03/91 No. = 1 ✓ previously documented	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
FRANKLIN'S GULL	10/12/91 No. = 500 ✓ peak	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA
BONAPARTE'S GULL	10/02/91 No. = 1 ✓ first	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA
BONAPARTE'S GULL	10/12/91 No. = 100 ✓ not as many this fall	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA

BONAPARTE'S GULL	11/25/91 No. = 27 ✓	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
HERRING GULL	08/12/91 No. = 1 ✓ adult	Saylorville Lake	Polk	IA
THAYER'S GULL	11/02/91 No. = 1 ✓ first winter-see documentation	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
THAYER'S GULL	11/25/91 No. = 1 ✓ 2nd year; see documentation	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
THAYER'S GULL	11/28/91 No. = 1 2nd year	Red Rock Reservoir	Marion	IA
GLAUCOUS GULL	11/14/91 No. = 1 ✓ believe this looked like an adult but visibility was bad	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA
BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE	11/01/91 No. = 1 ✓ see documentation	Cedar Lake	Linn	IA
BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE	11/02/91 No. = 1 ✓ see documentation	Coralville Dam	Johnson	IA
SABINE'S GULL	10/14/91 No. = 2 ✓ see documentation	Mississippi River	Scott	IA
CASPIAN TERN	10/08/91 No. = 1 ✓ last	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA
COMMON TERN	09/22/91 No. = 4 ✓ carpal bar; juv.	Saylorville Lake	Polk	IA
FORSTER'S TERN	11/01/91 No. = 1 ✓ fly-by in freezing rain	Pleasant Creek SP	Linn	IA
COMMON GROUND-DOVE	10/26/91 No. = 1 ✓ see documentation	Cedar Rapids	Linn	IA
COMMON GROUND-DOVE	11/01/91 No. = 1 ✓	Cedar Rapids	Linn	IA
BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO	08/11/91 No. = 1 ✓ last seen	yard	Warren	IA
YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO	10/02/91 No. = 1 ✓ last	yard	Warren	IA
RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD	09/15/91 No. = 14 ✓ many more than normal	yard	Warren	IA
OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER	08/24/91 No. = 1 ✓	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren	IA

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER	09/04/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER	09/02/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
CLIFF SWALLOW	08/04/91 No. = 2000 ✓	Bay's Branch/Lakin's Slough/Long Pond large build-ups	Guthrie	IA
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH	10/08/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
CAROLINA WREN	08/11/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
CAROLINA WREN	08/24/91 No. = 1	yard	Warren	IA
CAROLINA WREN	09/15/91 No. = 1 ✓	Lundy Acres	Warren	IA
WINTER WREN	10/12/91 No. = 1 ✓	Big Creek W.A.	Polk	IA
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET	10/01/91 No. = 2 ✓	yard first	Warren	IA
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET	09/22/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard first	Warren	IA
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET	09/29/91 No. = 15 ✓	yard peak	Warren	IA
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET	11/02/91 No. = 3 ✓	Coralville Dam	Johnson	IA
GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH	09/03/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard only thrush of the fall	Warren	IA
AMERICAN PIPIT	08/10/91 No. = 2 ✓	Runnells WA see documentation	Polk	IA
AMERICAN PIPIT	08/24/91 No. = 2	Runnells W.A.	Polk	IA
AMERICAN PIPIT	10/02/91 No. = 13 ✓	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA
AMERICAN PIPIT	10/19/91 No. = 125 ✓	Saylorville Reservoir all over Cherry Glen	Polk	IA
AMERICAN PIPIT	10/20/91 No. = 40 ✓	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Marion	IA

AMERICAN PIPIT	11/02/91 No. = 4 ✓	Coralville Dam	Johnson	IA
AMERICAN PIPIT	11/03/91 No. = 5 ✓	Saylorville Reservoir	Polk	IA
WHITE-EYED VIREO	08/31/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard singing juvenile with dark eye	Warren	IA
WHITE-EYED VIREO	09/09/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard last seen	Warren	IA
BELL'S VIREO	08/08/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
BELL'S VIREO	08/31/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard had all Iowa vireos on this date!!	Warren	IA
BELL'S VIREO	09/15/91 No. = 1 ✓	Lundy Acres	Warren	IA
PHILADELPHIA VIREO	08/31/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
PHILADELPHIA VIREO	09/29/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER	08/24/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard first	Warren	IA
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER	09/02/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard last	Warren	IA
TENNESSEE WARBLER	08/10/91 No. = 2 ✓	yard first	Warren	IA
TENNESSEE WARBLER	08/19/91 No. = 17	yard peak	Warren	IA
TENNESSEE WARBLER	10/09/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard last	Warren	IA
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER	08/18/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard first was a bit early	Warren	IA
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER	10/01/91 No. = 5 ✓	yard peak	Warren	IA
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER	10/14/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard last	Warren	IA
NASHVILLE WARBLER	08/13/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard first	Warren	IA



NASHVILLE WARBLER	09/09/91 No. = 2	yard	Warren	IA
	only day of more than one			
NASHVILLE WARBLER	10/02/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
	last in yard			
NASHVILLE WARBLER	11/02/91 No. = 1 ✓	Fullers' yard	Johnson	IA
	...and it was a cold little guy			
YELLOW WARBLER	08/05/91 No. = 5 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
	peak			
YELLOW WARBLER	08/27/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
	last			
CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER	08/18/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
	first			
CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER	08/19/91 No. = 3 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
	peaked early			
CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER	09/07/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
	last			
MAGNOLIA WARBLER	08/18/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
	first			
MAGNOLIA WARBLER	08/21/91 No. = 3 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
	peak			
MAGNOLIA WARBLER	09/07/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
	last			
CAPE MAY WARBLER	08/11/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
	first			
CAPE MAY WARBLER	09/02/91 No. = 3 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
	peak			
CAPE MAY WARBLER	09/08/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
	last			
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER	08/24/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
	first			
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER	09/23/91 No. = 7	yard	Warren	IA
	first big wave			
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER	09/30/91 No. = 17 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
	peak			
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER	11/02/91 No. = 5 ✓	Coralville Dam	Johnson	IA

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER	08/13/91 No. = 1 ✓ first	yard	Warren	IA
BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER	10/01/91 No. = 1 ✓ last	yard	Warren	IA
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER	08/10/91 No. = 1 ✓ first	yard	Warren	IA
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER	08/13/91 No. = 7 ✓ peak	yard	Warren	IA
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER	09/04/91 No. = 2 ✓ last	yard	Warren	IA
PINE WARBLER	08/24/91 No. = 1 ✓ unstreaked back	yard	Warren	IA
PALM WARBLER	08/17/91 No. = 1 ✓ see documentation	yard	Warren	IA
PALM WARBLER	10/02/91 No. = 1 ✓ last	yard	Warren	IA
BAY-BREASTED WARBLER	08/12/91 No. = 1 ✓ first	yard	Warren	IA
BAY-BREASTED WARBLER	08/14/91 No. = 4 ✓ peak	yard	Warren	IA
BAY-BREASTED WARBLER	09/08/91 No. = 1 ✓ last	yard	Warren	IA
BLACKPOLL WARBLER	08/18/91 No. = 1 ✓ first; early	yard	Warren	IA
BLACKPOLL WARBLER	09/07/91 No. = 1 ✓ last	yard	Warren	IA
BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER	08/10/91 No. = 1 ✓ first	yard	Warren	IA
BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER	08/18/91 No. = 7 ✓ first peak	yard	Warren	IA
BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER	08/24/91 No. = 7 second peak	yard	Warren	IA
BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER	09/21/91 No. = 1 ✓ last	Lundy Acres	Warren	IA
AMERICAN REDSTART	08/14/91 No. = 1 ✓ first	yard	Warren	IA

AMERICAN REDSTART	09/09/91 No. = 1 ✓ last	yard	Warren	IA
OVENBIRD	08/18/91 No. = 1 ✓ first	yard	Warren	IA
OVENBIRD	09/08/91 No. = 1 ✓ last	yard	Warren	IA
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH	08/24/91 No. = 1 ✓ first	Swan Wildlife Refuge	Warren	IA
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH	08/27/91 No. = 1 first in yard	yard	Warren	IA
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH	09/03/91 No. = 1 last	yard	Warren	IA
LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH	08/18/91 No. = 1 ✓ first	yard	Warren	IA
LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH	09/02/91 No. = 1 ✓ last	yard	Warren	IA
MOURNING WARBLER	08/18/91 No. = 1 ✓ only one of fall	yard	Warren	IA
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT	10/03/91 No. = 1 ✓ last	yard	Warren	IA
WILSON'S WARBLER	08/14/91 No. = 1 ✓ first	yard	Warren	IA
WILSON'S WARBLER	09/22/91 No. = 1 ✓ last	yard	Warren	IA
CANADA WARBLER	08/14/91 No. = 1 ✓ first	yard	Warren	IA
CANADA WARBLER	08/18/91 No. = 3 ✓ peak	yard	Warren	IA
CANADA WARBLER	08/25/91 No. = 1 last	yard	Warren	IA
INDIGO BUNTING	10/14/91 No. = 1 ✓ last	yard	Warren	IA
RUPOUS-SIDED TOWHEE	10/05/91 No. = 1 ✓ spotted race	yard	Warren	IA
AMERICAN TREE SPARROW	10/12/91 No. = 2 first	Big Creek W.A.	Polk	IA

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW	09/30/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
LARK SPARROW	08/24/91 No. = 4 ✓	near Banner Pits	Warren	IA
LE CONTE'S SPARROW	09/26/91 No. = 1 ✓	Snake Creek Marsh	Greene	IA
LE CONTE'S SPARROW	10/12/91 No. = 5 ✓	Big Creek W.A.	Polk	IA
SHARP-TAILED SPARROW	09/26/91 No. = 1 ✓	Snake Creek Marsh	Greene	IA
FOX SPARROW	10/12/91 No. = 1 ✓ first	yard	Warren	IA
LINCOLN'S SPARROW	09/21/91 No. = 1 ✓ first	Lundy Acres	Warren	IA
LINCOLN'S SPARROW	10/01/91 No. = 5 ✓ peak	yard	Warren	IA
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW	09/26/91 No. = 17 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
HARRIS' SPARROW	10/12/91 No. = 5 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
HARRIS' SPARROW	11/27/91 No. = 3	yard coming regularly to feeders	Warren	IA
DARK-EYED JUNCO	10/01/91 No. = 2 ✓ first	yard	Warren	IA
SNOW BUNTING	11/03/91 No. = 2 ✓ first	Big Creek State Park	Polk	IA
RUSTY BLACKBIRD	11/03/91 No. = 11 ✓	yard	Warren	IA
COMMON GRACKLE	09/26/91 No. = 5000 ✓ long ribbon of birds	north of Des Moines	Polk	IA
PINE SISKIN	11/01/91 No. = 1 ✓	yard	Warren	IA