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Dear Mr. Kent,

You will notice 2 separate reports. This is due to the fact that I moved across the state on 10/25/91. Rather than submitting one confusing report, I decided on reports from 2 sections of the state. You will however, notice that on the 7 page report there are several entries from Western Iowa. This was due to visits with the in-laws, I felt date continuity was important in this case.

There are a couple of confusing entries that I will attempt to explain. Marsh at J.D. means the marsh east of the John Deere plant (which is North of Dubuque along the Mississippi). Detention Basin refers to the Basin by the Dubuque Packing plant. R.V.P. refers to River View Park which is on the island with the Greyhound race track, Indian Creek Nature Center is in Cedar Rapids (Linn Co.), Obman farm is approximately 1 mile south of

of Rembrandt Iowa > Buena Vista Co.

I hope that this is of some help to you. If there are any questions feel free to call me at

712 - 364-2183 or 364-3300

Sincerely,  
*Peter Erzen*  
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Season: Fall Year: 91

Name and address PETER ERNSEN

Other observers (name, city):  
NONE

(print or type) 401 TAYLOR, IDA GROVE

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
1 Pied Billed Grebe <sup>Hi Count</sup>	13	9/26/91	Green Island
2 American White Pelican	1	10/7/91	Storm Lake Wildlife Mgmt Area
3 Double Crested Cormorant <sup>Hi Count</sup>	largest single "flock" = 31		
Present Throughout observation area - Primarily Mississippi			
4 American Bittern	1	9/16/91	Marsh by John Deere plant N of Dub. Brown head, Dark Primaries low flight over marsh <u>no spots!</u>
5 Least Bittern	1	9/26/91	Green Island
short bodied meadowlark size, bill pointed? bird in free position ran 15-20 ft flapping wings before flying short distance			
6 Great Blue Heron	<sup>last</sup> 3	10/13/91	Deten Basin across from FDL meat-packing in Dubuque
Marked decrease in all birds except Frank's Gull see later report			
7 Great Egret	<sup>last on</sup> 3	10/20/91	Det Basin
present through out not as numerous as Great Blue Heron but present through out			
8 Green Backed Heron	8 seen at 5 locations	#1 3 at Green Island on 9/26/91	last 1 seen on 9/27/91
9 Black Crowned Nighthawk	each on 9/16, 10/6	Marsh by JD plant	2 imm - Spotty upper part. not fine red eye, bluish bill streaky underparts
10 Gadwall?	2	9/13/91	similar to female Mallard - somewhat smaller, separate from Mallard's, white speculum
11 Turkey Vulture	last	7 over City of Dubuque (downtown) on 10/6/91	
12 Osprey	6, 2, 1, 1	<sup>total</sup> 5	9/15, 16, 24, 26 1 on 24 seen inland, Cedar River other seen along Mississippi
13 Bald Eagle	1st immature on	8/16/91	First adult - seen on 10/1/91
1st on Green Island was immature yellow on immature chest			

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14 Sharp Shinned Hawk	1 on	9/23, 9/26	Small accipiter - squarish tail. one on 9/23 was at <sup>Wings of Spain</sup> , 9/26 at Green Island immature, yellow eyes, brown barred chest
15 Coopers Hawk	1 on	9/23	was immature on ground Crow Size, yellow eye, brown barred chest marking. 1 seen on 10/12, 10/13, rounded tail -
16 Swainsons Hawk	1	10/1/91	Finley's fading immature light phase. brown & white splotchy back <sup>chest, belly</sup> prominent bib long wings, tail looked like bird on pg 240 of The Audubon Society Master Guide to Birding Vol 1. Loons to Sandpipers > <sup>On ground</sup> feeding on mouse - Beautiful!
17 Wild Turkey	26	10/20/91	seen inside city limits of Dubuque on Roosevelt Rd.
18 Sora	1 head	1 seen on 9/16/91	Marsh by John Deere - only observation
19 American Coot	750 <sup>est</sup>	9/26/91	at Green Island, 350 on 10/20/91 Along Mississippi South of marsh at J.D.
20 Semipalmated Plover	2 seen	1st on 8/17/91	pond at River View Park. 2nd on 9/16/91 at J.D. marsh
21 Greater Yellowlegs	1 on	8/18/91, 3 on 9/16/91	at John Deere Marsh approximately 2x size of Killdeer observed in same vicinity.
22 Franklin's Gull	3 at	American park on 8/16/91	appeared to be immature  tail 1 on 10/6/91 & 43 on 10/13/91 all appeared to be approximately <sup>13 birds</sup> 1/3 smaller than Ring Bill Gull that they were next to  dark black } on head. Shoulders dark gray less black } dark wing tips. dark grey }

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Gulls seen on the 13 <sup>th</sup> were there just after storm front brought temp stayed for less 1/2 day -			
23 Herring Gull	1	10/3	13 larger than Ring Billed was with - adult plumage
24 Caspian Tern			small numbers most was 4 on 9/13 at Mud Lake, last one seen was 10/12/91
25 Foster Tern	1	8/16/91	1 seen along Mississippi at Greenview Park
26 Black Billed Cuckoo	1	9/5/91	After observing several all summer at near E.B. Lyons / Mines of Spain last seen early Sept Red eye ring, black bill.
27 Yellow Billed Cuckoo	last 1	9/16/91	Yellow bill - black/white contrast in tail
28 Eastern Wood Pewee	last 2	9/27/91	Mud Lake Park
29 Yellow Billed Flycatcher	2 on 9/17/91 1 on 9/23/91		Song per wee - ascending - yellow chin, chest/belly at E.B. Lyons / Mines of Spain
30 Acadian Flycatcher	1st on	8/22/91	at 4 mounds, 5 on 9/15/91 at Mud Lake, 6 on 9/23/91 at E.B. Lyons typical Emp look - put sub song on all of them
31 Least Flycatcher	1	9/19/91	gray chest, silver stomach, little contrast between chest/belly E.B. Lyons / Mines of Spain
32 Eastern Phoebe	last 2	10/14/91	Manna near RV P
33 Tree Swallow		9/26/91	10,000 est spiral flock over Marsh - Green Island

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34 Red Breasted Nuthatch	1	9/13/91	Questionable - bird was fighting (?) with White Breasted Nuthatch. <sup>RBN</sup> appeared to be same shape though slightly smaller, did not see head however (salmon <sup>solid</sup> ) Breast, Belly noticed - River View Park, Dubuque
35 Brown Creeper	1 <sup>st</sup>	10/12/91	Area Residential Care Parking Lot
36 House Wren	1 <sup>last</sup>	10/12/91	Still 5" cold" ing R.V.P. Dubuque
37 Winter Wren	2	9/5/91	Slight eye stripe, darker than house wren - <sup>dark</sup> Chestnut color, pronounced dotted wings, contrast of throat E.B. Lyons / Mines of Spain
38 Sedge Wren	2 sight, 2 sound	8/23/91	non-descript buff, short tail flew short distance, shy!! song 3 chirps followed by trill at Caylor Prairie.
39 Golden Crowned Kinglet	5 <sup>first</sup>	10/10/91	ARC parking lot Dubuque 4 male, 1 female
40 Ruby Crowned Kinglet	2 <sup>first</sup>	9/19/91	E.B. Lyons / Mines of Spain
41 Blue Gray Gnatcatcher	1 <sup>last</sup>	9/9/91	E.B. Lyons / Mines of Spain
42 Swainson's Thrush	1	9/19/91	gray/brown <sup>back</sup> eye ring & face had buff color more spotty than Veery
43 Cedar Waxwings	350 <sup>est</sup>	9/9/91	feeding on berries at E.B. Lyons / Mines of Spain Family groups - young & mature adults in flock.
44 Yellowthroated Vireo		1 <sup>st</sup> on 8/25/91, 1 on 9/15	
45 Red Eyed Vireo	1 on	8/25	observed from wood lot B.V. county
	1 on	9/13/91	at River View Park.
46 Blue Winged Warbler	<del>1</del> 6	on 9/6/91	4 mounds - woods N of Dubuque.
47 Tennessee Warbler	4 Singles	1 <sup>st</sup> on 8/25/91	Obman farm, B.V.
		last seen 9/24/91	at Indian Creek Nature Center.

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48 Orange Crowned Warbler ~~non descript~~ 1st on 8/25/91 - non descript brownish green, no cap. Osman Farm Woodlot - BU County 1 on 9/16/91 John Deere Marsh

49 Nashville Warbler. 2 on 8/25/91, 7 on 9/24/91 at Indian Creek, last on was 9/27/91 at Mud Lake Pk 14 sighting at 6 locations.

50 Chestnut Sided Warbler 4 9/6/91 E.B. Lyons Mines of Spain last on 9/12/91 E.B. Lyons / Mines of Spain

51 Cape May Warbler 1 on 9/9/91 at R.V.P., 9/15/91 at J.D. Marsh. Yellowish neck <sup>yellowish</sup> patch. Yellowish sides.

52 Yellow Rumped Warbler 14 on 9/23/91 at E.B. Lyons, 39 on 9/27 at Mud Lake, last 3 on 10/10/91.

52 - Audubon Race (?), noted 1 bird with tail spots on top side of tail.

53 Blackburnian Warbler 1 on 9/13/91 R.V.P.

54 Pine Warbler ? 1 on 9/9/91 E.B. Lyons / Mines of Spain Yellow Breast, distinct 2 white wing bars, lightly streaked sides, back unstreaked did not see tail.

55 Helm Warbler 1 on 9/23/91, 1 on 9/29/91 - tail wagging at R.V.P.

56. Baybreasted 1 on 9/16/91 J.D. Marsh. dark legs, lightly striped back, 2 wingbars. dull white below

57. Blackpoll 2 on 9/13/91 R.V.P. streaked sides, greenish tinge, light colored legs, 2 white wingbars.

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58 Black & White Warbler	3 on	8/25/91	at Obman farm in W. County, 1 on 9/5 at E.B. Lyons, 1 on 9/6/91 at 4 mounds, 2 on 9/13/91 at RVP
59 American Redstart	last 1 on	9/19/91	at E.B. Lyons.
60 Ovenbird	1 on	9/5/91	E.B. Lyons
61 Common Yellowthroat	2 on	9/27/91	at Mud Lake
62 Wilson's Warbler	4 on	8/25/91	at Obman's farm, 2 on 9/5/91 at E.B. Lyons, 1 on 9/13/91 at RVP, 3 on 9/16/91 at J.D. Marsh
63 Canada Warbler	1 on	8/25/91	at Obman farm
64 American Tree Sparrow	first one observed	on 10/15/91	at E.B. Lyons.
65 Chipping Sparrow	last 1 observed	9/21/91	Rural road Dubuque Co.
66 Field Sparrow	last <sup>3</sup> observed	on 10/18/91	at Mud Lake in Dubuque Co.
67 Vesper Sparrow	last 3 observed	on 9/21/91	Rural Road Dubuque Co.
68 Savannah Sparrow	last 1 observed	on 9/21/91	on rural road in Dubuque Co.
69 Le Conte's Sparrow	1 on	9/16/91	at John Deere Marsh. buff eye stripe, and buff breast streaks on side, stripe through crown. striped back.
70 Sharp Tailed Sparrow	1 on	9/16/91	at John Deere Marsh. Grey ear <del>patch</del> <sup>patch</sup> & dark orange buff grey
71 Lincoln Sparrow	eye ring, stripe & spotted breast	chest. 2 on	9/26/91 at Green Island 4 on <del>10/1/91</del> 10/4/91 at RVP





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1. Red Billed Grebe	<del>1</del> 3		in Ida County at Crawford Creek on 10/26/91 and one on 11/3/91 at Moorhead Pk.
2. Great Blue Heron			last one in Ida County on 11/6/91 at Moorhead Pk (Ida Grove)
3. Snow Goose			1 spotted with Canada Goose in City Park on 10/30/91. Still there on 11/26/91
4. Wood Duck			last observed on 10/30/91 at Moorhead Pk in Ida County.
5. Osprey	4	11/3/91	at Moorhead Pk
6. Canvasback	4	10/30/91	at Crawford Creek in Ida County.
7. Lesser Scaup	4	10/30/91	at Crawford Creek and 2 males & 6 females on <del>10/29/91</del> 11/3/91 at Moorhead Pk.
8. Common Goldeneye	3	11/3/91	at Moorhead Park.
9. Bufflehead	3	10/30/91	at Crawford Creek
10. Common Merganser	7	10/28/91	at <del>Crawford Creek</del> Moorhead Pk.
11. Bald Eagle			1 mature on 11/4/91 at Moorhead Pk 2 matures approximately 1 mile south of Frembrandt in Farmer's Field.
12. Sharp Shinned Hawk			1 each on 10/26/91, 11/19/91, & 11/26/91 all in different parts of Ida County.

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13. Brown Creeper	1 on	11/4/91	at Moorehead Pk, 2 at City Park South
	of Moorehead Pk on	11/26/91	
14. Winter Wren	1	11/3/91	small size, shape - definite wren, habit of crawling along tree
15. Golden Crowned Kinglet	2 on	10/30 and 4 on	11/14/91 at Moorehead Pk.
16. E. Bluebird	last 2 observed	11/5/91	at Moorehead Pk.
17. Hermit Thrush	4	11/3/91 & 11/4/91	at Moorehead Pk. - eye ring, light by spotted breast, rusty tail raised & lowered tail several times
18. American Tree Sparrow	1st	11/3/91	at Moorehead Pk.
19. Grasshopper Sparrow	2	10/27/91	Gravel road south Hi 20 west on 59 short tail, flat head back striped reddish brown / black.
20. Fox Sparrow	First	11/3/91	2 at feeder at home in Ida Grove on 11/10/91 one at feeder on 11/29/91 Ida Grove
21. White Throated Sparrow	1	11/3/91	3 on 11/18/91 at Ida Grove 2 last 2 on 11/12/91
22. White Crowned Sparrow	1	11/12/91	at Ida Grove 1 on 11/14/91 at Moorehead Pk.
23. Henslow Sparrow	Just 1 observed	11/19/91	at Moorehead Pk.
24. Tipton Song Sparrow	1	11/8/91	Gravel road between Battle Creek and Ida Grove

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25. Snow Bunting	3	11/8/91	Hiway 175 between Ida Grove & Battle Creek.
26. Western Meadowlark	21 on	11/10/91	8-3 mi S of Battle Creek, 1 on 11/24/91 at intersection of C 25 & 71 in Boone Vista Co.
27. Rusty's Blackbird	21 on	11/4/91	last 17 observed on 11/21/91 at Moonhead PK. yellow eye, dull black tail, brown back Rusty Couerlets.
28. Common Redpoll	2 on	10/30/91, 8 on	11/18/91 Moonhead PK checked for lighter rump etc - all dark -
29. Pine Siskin	1 on	11/13/91	at Holstein Cemetery - M
			1 on 11/19/91 F at Moonhead PK.
			P.S. - Sorry I forgot
			Red Breasted Nuthatch 2 <sup>on</sup> 11/13/91 at Holstein Cemetery
			Blk eye stripe white above than dark  salmon belly
			1 belly darker than other M & F (?)