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Dear Tom,

Sorry I'm a few days late with my fall report. I was remaining Family Practice Residency training grants in Washington DC, and just got home.

It has not been a particularly good fall at Saylorville. Duck numbers have been very low, as have been gulls. I think in part due to a low number of shad in the lake. All reports are from Saylorville area unless otherwise noted.

- C. Loon - 1st on 10/17, max. of 5 on 11/7, last on 11/29 at Mattett
- H. Grebe - 2 on 11/7
- Western Grebe - 2 were present on 11/14
- W. Pelican - Max of 2035 on 8/15, last on 11/1
- Cormorant - 1st on 8/30; max. of 644 on 10/10
- B.C. Night Heron - 1 on 9/7
- W.F. Goose - Max of 154 on 10/17
- Mallard - max number very small, probably 3000
- Canvasback - max of 64 on 11/7
- Black Scaup - 1 appeared on 11/19, a female, with white cheek, no knob on bill. IPTU pond in Johnston
- Bufflehead - max. of 71 on 11/18 at IPTU pond
- Hooded Merganser - Max. of 58 on 11/7
- C. Merg. - Max of 1800 on 11/29
- Ruddy Duck - max of 23 on 11/7
- Osprey - 1st on 8/15
- B. Eagle - 1st on 10/31, max only 12 - most seemed to be at Red Rock

- ✓ Coot - max of 3250 on 10/17
- ✓ Sandwing - 1st on 8/2, max of 8 on 9/6
- ✓ Bairds Sandpiper - last on 11/6, on Sandpiper, with long wings, black legs
- ✓ Pectoral S'p'r - max, of 238 on 8/21
- ✓ Stilt S'p'r - max. of 30 on 9/6
- ✓ Buff-breasted S'p'r - 2 on 8/2 were a bit early at Sandpiper
- ✓ Piping plover - 1 appeared on 8/21; this bird appears to be regular at Sandpiper Beach, appearing in 5 of the last 6 years (2 Springs, 4 Falls on my records alone)
- ✓ R.B. Gull - at least 50 were present throughout summer, all immature

- ✓ Herring Gull - 1st on 10/17
- ✓ Franklin's Gull - max of 10,000 on 10/3
- ✓ Bonaparte's Gull - 1st on 10/3, max of only 23 on 11/8

Carolina Wren - one was in our yard from summer, into fall, last seen 11/7 when I moved its roost (a hanging plant on the porch) into the house

Sedge Wren - max of 18 on 8/15, last on 10/3

✓ Pipit - max of 73 on 10/31

↳ L. Shrike - 1 on 8/30

✓ Cedar Waxwings - seemed abundant in the period, max of 252 on 11/1

Warblers - seemed very sparse, especially compared

to last fall
 ✓ Golden-winged Warbler - 1 on 9/6

✓ Sharp-tailed Sparrow - one was in an unusual location, in a marshy area near Sandpiper on 10/3, observed at 10-15 yds, grey crown easily seen (not white of Leconte's), larger size; ochre face, gray check.