FIELD REPORTS FORM for submitting seasonal observations of Iowa birds Page__of___

Season: Fall Year: 1992

Other observers (name, city):

use initials of obsv. on species line

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Use first few lines to give weather and habitat conditions. Use line(s) below species data to give additional details, if needed. Mail to: T. H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City IA 52240 by 1 Mar, 1 Jun, 1 Aug, or 1 Dec.

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
General comments: late summer and fall continued cooler and wetter than normal, with approximately 14" precipitation in northwest counties (most in August). Light snow was early, beginning about mid-October. Habitat and food conditions remained good throughout the fall months, with exceptional weed seed crops and an abundance of late harvested agricultural crops. Wetlands in excellent water conditions.			
American Bittern	1	9/4	Silver Lake, Dickinson County
Bald Eagle	1	10/28	Hottes Lake, Dickinson County--nearly complete adult plumage, with some streaks of brown still evident on head
(also--many reports of bald eagles from public through October and November. While I did not verify these with personal observations, descriptions given by reporters leave little doubt observation were correct. Most I've ever received from public)			
Osprey	1	9/24	Silver Lake, Dickinson County
Broad-winged Hawk	5	9/27	Big Sioux River valley, Western Lyon County
Greater Yellowlegs	1	10/29	3 mi. S. of Rock Rapids, Lyon County (reported because I thought it was quite late in season)
Purple Finch	2	11/1	Larchwood, Lyon County--earlier than normal? (definitely were NOT House Finches, also common in Larchwood now at all times)
Blue Grosbeak	1	8/1	3 mi. S. of Larchwood, Lyon County--probably still a late summer resident, rather than migrant.