

Pinkston

AUGUST 1993 FIELD REPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Species/Number</u>
2	Ja	✓ Ring-billed Gull 1a
15	Jo	✓ Am. White Pelican 30 ✓ Double-crested Cormorant 3
22	Jo	✓ Am. White Pelican 113 ✓ Double-crested Cormorant 150+ ✓ Ring-necked Duck 2

Legend

Ja= along I-80, Jasper County

Jo= Iowa River floodplain, Johnson County

a= adult

SEPTEMBER 1993 FIELD REPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Species/Number</u>
5	IC	✓ Red-breasted Nuthatch 1
6	IC	✓ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher 1-2 Red-breasted Nuthatch 2 Swainson's Thrush 1 Veery 1 Solitary Vireo 1-2 Nashville Warbler <u>10</u> Tennessee Warbler <u>40+</u> N. Parula 1 Bay-breasted Warbler <u>25</u> Chestnut-sided Warbler <u>30</u> Blackburnian Warbler <u>7</u> Magnolia Warbler <u>20</u>

\*There was quite a fall-out of warblers in Oakland Cemetery the morning of 6 September. I counted over 260 individuals of 15 species.

(continued)

## SEPTEMBER 1993 FIELD REPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Species/Number</u>
6	IC	Cape May Warbler <u>4-5</u> Black-and-white Warbler <u>17</u> Am. Redstart <u>35</u> Ovenbird <u>12</u> Purple Finch 3
7	Ja	✓ Reddish Egret 1...see documentation
10	IC	✓ Broad-winged Hawk <u>15</u>
12	IC	✓ Broad-winged Hawk <u>13</u>
19	IC	Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2 N. Parula 1 Black-and-white Warbler 3 Rose-breasted Grosbeak 2
23	Jo	✓ American Golden-Plover 3 ✓ Baird's Sandpiper 3
25	Jo	✓ Tree Swallow <u>500</u>
26	IC	✓ Magnolia Warbler 1 ✓ White-throated Sparrow 1
30	IC	✓ Peregrine Falcon 1

Legend

IC= Iowa City, Johnson County

Ja= near Colfax, Jasper County

Jo= Iowa River floodplain, Johnson County

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✓ Tom,  
 My latest Ruby-throated Hummingbird this fall  
 was a ♀ at my feeder on 26 September.

Randy

Legend

IC= Iowa City, Johnson County  
 Jo= Iowa River floodplain, Johnson County  
 RR= Lake Red Rock dam, Marion County

## OCTOBER 1993 FIELD REPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Species/Number</u>
4	Jo	✓ Sedge Wren 2 (Williams Prairie) ✓ American Pipit 2
6	Jo	Osprey 1 Baird's Sandpiper 2 Stilt Sandpiper 1 Long-billed Dowitcher 2 Winter Wren 1 American Pipit 1 Swamp Sparrow <u>30</u>
10	IC	✓ Cooper's Hawk 1 Red-shouldered Hawk 1 Common Nighthawk 1 Dark-eyed Junco 6
11	Jo	Am. Black Duck 1 Cooper's Hawk 1 Dunlin <u>65</u> Tree Swallow <u>300+</u> House Wren 1 Savannah Sparrow 1 Fox Sparrow 1 White-throated Sparrow 30 Chimney Swift 7
21	Jo	✓ Snow Goose 125 (1 white phase) peep, sp. (probable Least Sandpipers) 12
22	Jo	✓ Snow Goose 17 blue, 1 white Greater Yellowlegs 3 Lesser Yellowlegs 1 Sanderling 1 (end of Babcock Access) Least Sandpiper 2 Pectoral Sandpiper 8 Harris' Sparrow 1
30	IC	✓ Yellow-rumped Warbler 1
31	RR	✓ Dunlin 2 ✓ Ross' Gull 1...see documentation

## Additional Notes:

1-3 Red-breasted Nuthatches present daily at my feeder  
 4-31 October

Legend

Al= Allamakee County  
 Ce= Cedar Lake, Linn County  
 Cl= north of Strawberry Point,  
 Clayton County  
 Co= Coralville Reservoir,  
 Johnson County  
 Ef= Effigy Mounds Nat'l. Mon.,  
 Allamakee County  
 Ic= Iconium, Appanoose County  
 Io= Iowa City, Johnson County

Jo= Johnson County  
 Mi= Mississippi River,  
 Allamakee County  
 PC= Pleasant Creek Lake,  
 Linn County  
 Ra= Lake Rathbun, Appanoose County  
 Ro= Rock Creek Lake, Jasper County  
 RR= Lake Red Rock, Marion County  
 Sa= Saylorville Reservoir, Polk County  
 Ye= Yellow River Forest, Allamakee Co.

## NOVEMBER 1993 FIELD REPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Species/Number</u>
7	PC	N. Shoveler 12 Hooded Merganser 5 Red-breasted Merganser 1-2 Ruddy Duck 82
	Ce	N. Shoveler 10 Comm. Goldeneye 6 Hooded Merganser 8
10	Co	Comm. Loon 2 Red-breasted Merganser 18
	Ce	Hooded Merganser 8
	PC	White-winged Scoter 1...see key details
	Jo	Rusty Blackbird 1-2 Brewer's Blackbird 2...see key details
11	Ic	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1
	Ra	Snow (blue) Goose 1 Hooded Merganser 14 Red-breasted Merganser 9 Snowy Owl 1
13	RR	Thayer's Gull 1...see documentation
18	PC	Black Scoter 2...see key details White-winged Scoter 1...see key details
	Ce	Am. Black Duck 3 Hooded Merganser 13
20	RR	Snow Goose 2 white, 1 blue Hooded Merganser 5+ Red-breasted Merganser ~50
	Ro	Black Scoter 1...see key details N. Shrike 1...see key details
26	Sa	Hooded Merganser 6 Comm. Merganser 1000+ Ruddy Duck 3

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Species/Number</u>
27	C1	✓ Golden Eagle 1 immature
	Mi	✓ Tundra Swan 100+
		✓ Bufflehead 1
	Al	✓ N. Harrier 1
28	Al	✓ Red-headed Woodpecker 1
		✓ Lapland Longspur 2
		✓ Snow Bunting ~150
	Ye	✓ Pileated Woodpecker 1
	Ef	✓ Pileated Woodpecker 1
		✓ Brown Creeper 1
		✓ Golden-crowned Kinglet 2-3
	Io	✓ White-throated Sparrow 3

Additional Notes:

1. On 11 November, a Snowy Owl (immature or female) was found dead in a field at County Roads S-65 and H-20, northwest Monroe County. It showed no evidence of trauma. Cause of death unknown, perhaps starvation? It had been observed daily approx. 1-10 Nov., and local observers thought it appeared weakened or ill before its death.
2. A pair of Red-breasted Nuthatches visited my peanut feeder daily throughout the month.
3. From 1-12 Pine Siskins visited my thistle feeder throughout the month.

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Key Details of Noteworthy Sightings (November 1993):

White-winged Scoter: Excellent views of an immature on Pleasant Creek Lake on 10 and 18 November. Perhaps the same individual both times. Dark brown duck, larger than Lesser Scaup, with two prominent pale spots on the face. White speculum. Facial feathering extended halfway along length of bill.

Brewer's Blackbird: Large mixed blackbird flock west of Iowa City on 10 November. A male Brewer's was picked out from the rest: medium-sized all-black bird; size of red-wings but slimmer, more elongate build; bill narrower than red-wings'; pale yellow eyes; tail flat, with slight notch at tip. This male was studied at close range with a 30x telescope for 15 minutes in late afternoon light; the head and neck appeared to be a sleeker, shiny black compared to a dull black on the remainder of the underparts; tiny flecks of brownish or rust were noted about the face and throat only on very careful study, which male Brewer's can show in the fall. A female was also seen briefly: uniformly grayish-brown bird, larger and longer-billed than female cowbirds, black eye. Fall male Rusties (seen in same flock) heavily barred, near solid, with rust. Female Rusty has pale eye.

Black Scoter: Excellent views of two females on Pleasant Creek Lake on 18 November. Dark brown ducks except for pale buff lower face and throat. Larger than Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup, and Ruddy Duck. Wings entirely black.

Black Scoter: Distant but adequate view with telescope on Rock Creek Lake (Jasper Co.) on 20 November. Low-riding on water, mostly black duck with large pale buff patch comprising the entire lower face and throat. Black crown. Solitary, frequently dived. Observed with Mark and Beth Proescholdt, Russ Widner, and Charles Peters.

Northern Shrike: Observed on 20 November. It flew from the edge of Rock Creek Lake (Jasper Co.) to the top of a tall bare tree. It perched there for 15-30 seconds, then flew away and was lost. Shrike silhouette, did not seem large. A dingy, non-descript bird. Pale gray above and dirty whitish below. Small, ill-defined facial mask extended from behind eye. Tail black, relatively long. Also seen briefly by Beth Proescholdt.

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