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✓ CATTLE EGRET, 35 were seen west of Onawa in Monona Co. on the 1st of October. Several of these were in adult breeding plumage, several "juveniles" were also observed.

✓ TUNDRA SWAN, a swan initially identified as a Trumpeter Swan on the 20th of November, 2 miles north of Missouri Valley in Harrison County was incorrect. Don Poggensee of Ida Grove took about 24 photographs of the swan. After examining all photos, it was determined that the bird was indeed a Tundra Swan. It should be noted that about 2/3 of the photographs did not show the diagnostic yellow teardrop. I now understand that there are several other things to look for. This might be a good informational topic in a future news article?

✓ SNOW GOOSE, the first one was west of Onawa in Monona County on the 1st of October.

*no data*  
✓ ROSS' GOOSE, a white goose was observed at Blue lake in Monona Co. which looked to be about 1/3 less in size in comparison to the two white phase Snow Geese. The neck was shorter and the head was well rounded, black wing feathers were also present. I was not close enough to see the warty beak of the bird. However the beak appeared to be shorted and had a "pushed in look." Another one was observed at Desoto Bend Refuge on the 20th of November.

✓ WHITE WINGED SCOTER, one spent the entire day at Moorehead (Ida Co.) park lake on the 6th of November, another one was observed on the 11th of November at Blue Lake in Monona Co. The first bird was an adult male. The white eye spot was visible, bill had the funny looking scoter bill, entire body was white except for the large white wing patch, which was very prominent when bird was in flight.

✓ MERLIN, one was a flyby at Battle Creek cemetery in Ida County on the 18th of October. Another one was observed chasing house sparrows at Moorehead park in Ida County on the 18th of November.

✓ SANDHILL CRANE, an adult was observed west of Onawa in Monona Co. on the 1st October, the bird was observed a second time on the 22nd of October.

✓ BLACK BELLIED PLOVER, 4 were observed on the 25th of October west of Onawa in Monona Co, the last one there was on the 4th of November.



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- ✓ FRANKLIN'S GULL, the first and most were 500 at the Storm Lake airport on the 15th of September.
- ✓ BLACK BILLED CUCKOO, the last one was at Moorehead park on the 17th of August.
- ✓ YELLOW BILLED CUCKOO, the last two were at Moorehead park on the 18th of September.
- ✓ YELLOW BELLIED SAPSUCKER, the first two at Moorehead park were on the 4th of September.
- ✓ OLIVE SIDED FLYCATCHER, the first one was on the 30th of August at Moorehead park, the peak was 3 on the 4th of September,
- ✓ EASTERN WOOD PEWEE, the last one observed in Ida Co. was on the 2nd of October in the Ida Grove cemetery.
- ✓ YELLOW BELLIED FLYCATCHER, the first one (very yellow) was at Moorehead park on the 19th of August, another one was at Moorehead park on the 28th of August.
- ✓ LEAST FLYCATCHER, the first one at Moorehead park was on the 19th of August.
- ✓ GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER, the last one was at Moorehead park on the 20th of September.
- EASTERN KINGBIRD, the last one was on the 29th of September at Fairview cemetery in Ida County.
- ✓ RED BREASTED NUTHATCH, multiple sightings were 4 at Moorehead park on the 4th of September, 7 in Ida County on the 7th of September, 4 on the 21st of September at Cook center cemetery in Sac Co., 4 in the Holstein cemetery on the 22nd of September.
- ✓ WINTER WREN, the first one heard calling at Moorehead park was on the 14th of September, 2 more were observed on the 10th of October.
- GOLDEN CROWNED KINGLET, the first one observed at Moorehead park was on the 29th of October.
- ✓ RUBY CROWNED KINGLET, the first one was observed at Moorehead park on the 10th of September, the last one observed was on the 20th of November at Desoto Bend refuge.
- ✓ SWAINSON'S THRUSH, the first one was observed at Moorehead park on the 18th of September.



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✓ HERMIT THRUSH, the first one was observed at Moorehead park on the 9th of October.

✓ WOOD THRUSH, on the 25th of August an adult with a mouth full of worms was observed, an immature was seen begging for food and two more immatures(?) were heard calling.

✓ BROWN THRASHER, the last one observed at Moorehead park was on the 10th of October.

✓ SOLITARY VIREO, the first one observed at Moorehead park was on the 28th of August, the peak was 5 on the 16th of September.

✓ GOLDEN WINGED WARBLER, the first one at Moorehead park was on the 30th of August, the peak was 2 on the 18th of September, the last one was observed on the 20th of September.

✓ TENNESSEE WARBLER, the first one at Moorehead park was on the 19th August, peaks were 50 on the 28th of August, estimated 125 were seen on the 18th of September, the last one was on the 20th of September.

✓ ORANGE CROWNED WARBLER, the first two were at Moorehead park on the 2nd of September, the peak was 4 on the 27th of September-one of them was a yellow race luetcens.

✓ NASHVILLE WARBLER, the first one at Moorehead park was on the 20th of August, the last one was on the 5th of October.

✓ NORTHERN PARULA, a female was observed at Moorehead park on the 4th of September. The bird had blue gray sides, rump, yellow on the back extending to the nape neck, white wing bars, blue wings, yellow breast, white belly, white eye ring-broken by black eye line.

✓ CHESTNUT SIDED WARBLER, the first two were observed at Moorehead park on the 28th of August, the peaks were 5 on the 30th of August, and 9 on the 18th of Septmeber-two males were observed in breeding plumage, the last two were at Moorehead park on the 20th of September.

✓ MAGNOLIA WARBLER, the first one was at Moorehead park on the 28th of August.



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CAPE MAY WARBLER, a female was observed in spruce trees at the Battle Creek cemetery in Ida County on the 17th of October. The bird had a yellow breast with tiger stripes, face was yellow, slight facial markings, thin bill, two slight wing bars, yellowish rump, white extensive on belly, black wings. Seen two times @ 1:05pm, and @ 5:45 pm.

BLACK THROATED BLUE WARBLER, a female was observed at Moorehead park on the 27th of September. Olive colored head and nape, <sup>white</sup>eyeline was <sup>above eye</sup> not as extensive as in the text books-but present-white crescent was underneath eye, under parts were buffy, white patch at the base of the primaries was present. Song was repeated 4-5 times, zurr, loud at the beginning, softer but higher pitched at the end. The bird was quite curious, coming within 5 feet of the observer.

YELLOW RUMPED WARBLER, several were observed at Desoto Bend Refuge on the 20th of November.

BLACK THROATED GREEN WARBLER, the first and peak were 2 on the 18th of September at Moorehead park, the last one was on the 19th of September.

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER, all sightings were at Moorehead park in Ida County, the first one observed was on the 19th of August, others were 1 on the 22nd, 24th, 3 on the 28th, and 2 on the 30 of August.

BAY BREASTED WARBLER, the first one was at Moorehead park on the 30th August, the peak was 14 on the 20th of September, the last one was on the 21st of September.



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✓ WILSON'S WARBLER, the first 2 at Moorehead park were on the 20th of August, the last one was on the 20th of September.

✓ CANADA WARBLER, the first one observed at Moorehead park was on the 20th of August, the peak was 10 on the 28th of August, the last two were at Moorehead park on the 20th of September.

✓ SCARLET TANAGER, single sightings were at Moorehead park on September 18th and 19th, the last one was at my home in Ida Grove on the 20th of September.

✓ RUFOUS SIDED TOWHEE, a spotted race individual was seen on the 4th of October at Moorehead park, 2 more of the spotted race were observed on the 12th of October.

✓ CHIPPING SPARROW, a bird with a black eye line, dirty brownish cap, no black breast spot, gray rump, was observed in a cedar tree in my yard on the 14th of November.

✓ FOX SPARROW, the first one in Ida County was on the 19th of October in Battle Creek cemetery

✓ LINCOLN'S SPARROW, the first one at Moorehead park was on the 20th of September.

✓ WHITE THROATED SPARROW, the first one was at Moorehead park on the 21st of September.



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WHITE CROWNED SPARROW, the first one observed at Moorehead park was on the 4th of October.

PURPLE FINCH, the first one was observed at Moorehead park on the 23rd of September.