

Season: Spring Year: 1994

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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: Jan 118
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by 1 Mar, 1 Jun, 1 Aug, or 1 Dec.

use initials of obsv. on species line

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
Red-throated Loon	1	7 May	Silver Lake, Worth Co. CN
See enclosed documentation			
Red-necked Grebe	1	7 May	" " " "
Eared Grebe	3	7 May	" " " "
Western Grebe	2	7 May	" " " "
Least Bittern	1	25 May	Sweet Marsh, Bremer Co RG
Ross' Goose	2	27 Mar	Rice Lake, Worth Co CN and others
Studied at length with 40X Kowa scope from a distance of about 100 yds (guess) About the same size as Mallard and noticeably smaller than Snow Geese in same field of view. Neck was shorter and bill was much shorter, stubbier, and more triangular than Snow Geese's.			
Swainson's Hawk	5	23 Mar	circling to north, north of Mason City Long, narrow tapered wings, light under wing linings, dark flight feathers
Upland Sandpiper	2	18 May	n.w. Lucas Co.
Rufous-sided Towhee	1	24 Apr - 28 Apr	Backyard
" " "	1	1, 2 May	" "
" " "	1	5, 6 May	" "
Uncommon to rare in area. All three had noticeable, slightly different markings in wings, indicating different birds. All were males and none had the wing bars and pattern of spots in the wings of the spotted race.			

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I, too, saw the Purple Gallinule at Sweet Marsh, but didn't include it as I knew you'd get lots of other reports.

The Swainson's Hawks did not return to the sewer plant area. We feel this was due to the excessive noise and disturbance caused by construction activity in the area last summer.