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General trends for fall of 1994. Most of the warblers passed through early - twenty plus species recorded at Moorehead Park by the first of September. Is there any concern for Palm Warbler?, I have not seen any since the spring of 93. There was good waves of warblers, noticeably missing were immature Magnolia Warbler - average number of adults, but few immatures compared to previous fall reports. Several early dates were recorded for sparrow species - Dark eyed Junco and Harris Sparrow. Highlights were the accidental species found in Sac County for the period.

1. *PACIFIC LOON, a small loon was seen at the Southeast corner of Blackhawk lake in Sac County on November 7. The bird had distinct black/white demarcation on the neck and a thin chin strap. Documented
2. WESTERN GREBE, one was seen at Blue Lake in Monona County on November 10. Another one or perhaps the same one was seen at Blue Lake on November 27.
3. AMERICAN BITTERN, one was observed at Tomahawk Marsh in Sac Co. on October 14.
4. LEAST BITTERN, one was observed at Spring Run WPA in Dickinson Co. on August 3.
5. SNOWY EGRET, small egret with black bill was observed at South Blue Lake in Monona County on September 15.
6. LITTLE BLUE EGRET, 2 immatures were at Decatur Bend in Monona County on August 19.
7. IBIS SP., one was seen at Tomahawk Marsh in Sac County on October 14.
8. NORTHERN PINTAIL, one was seen on September 5 at Tomahawk Marsh.
9. *CINNAMON TEAL, one was observed at Blue Lake in Monona County on November 30. The bird was about 75 % complete in its molt. Documented
10. NORTHERN GOSHAWK, an immature was seen South of Tomahawk Marsh on November 23.
11. RED TAILED HAWK - HARLAN'S HAWK, ^{- Adult} one was seen west of Moorehead Park on October 16.

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12. MERLIN, one was observed in Moorehead Park on September 28.

13. PEREGRINE FALCON, an immature bird was observed on Hiway 20 just outside of Holstein IA in Ida County.

14. VIRGINIA RAIL, 2 were observed at Spring Run WPA on August 3. One was observed at Blue Lake on September 26.

15. LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER, the last one observed was on November 14 at the spoils area East of Blackhawk Lake in Sac County.

16. SANDERLING, several were at the spoils area East of Blackhawk Lake in Sac County on September 5.

17. LONG BILLED DOWITCHER, the most was 25 at South Blue Lake on October 13.

18. *LONG TAILED JAEGER, one was discovered at Tomahawk Marsh in Sac County on September 4. The bird was seen by many at Blackhawk Lake in Sac County on subsequent days. The last report I heard was for September 13.

19. *COMMON BLACK HEADED GULL, one adult was seen at Kettleston Hogsback WPA on August 3.

20. *GREAT BLACK BACKED GULL, a very large dark mantled gull was seen at Blackhawk Lake October 23.

21. *SABINE'S GULL, an immature was found by several Iowa birders on the Southeast corner of Blackhawk Lake on September 5. The last report I had was that it was there until September 14.

22. *BURROWING OWL, three were observed in extreme S.W. Emmet Co.

23. *COMMON BARN OWL, PLEASE NOTE the land owner does not wish to be known as having these birds on his property. I received permission only after talking with Bruce Ehrman. An adult female was observed exiting a nest structure on the Allen Farnsworth farm north of Adair in Guthrie Co. on August 8.

24. OLIVE SIDED FLYCATCHER, the first one was observed at Moorehead Park on August 17. The most was two on the 29th of August.

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25. LEAST FLYCATCHER, the first one was on August 20 at Moorehead Park.

26. YELLOW BELLIED FLYCATCHER, the only one was on September 3 at Moorehead Park.

27. BROWN CREEPER, the first one was on September 26 at Moorehead Park.

28. HOUSE WREN, the last one observed was on October 12 at Fairview cemetery in rural Ida County.

29. WINTER WREN, the first one was on October 4 at Moorehead Park in Ida County.

30. RUBY CROWNED KINGLET, the first one was September 18 at Moorehead Park.

*31. SOLITARY VIREO, the first one was on August 20 at Moorehead Park. The last one at Moorehead Park was on September 26.

32. *PHILADELPHIA VIREO, the last one was on October 18 at Moorehead Park.

33. BLUE WINGED WARBLER, the only one (second county record), was on August 28 at Moorehead Park.

34. GOLDEN WINGED WARBLER, the first one was on August 27 at Moorehead Park. The most was two on September 4 - including the parks first female.

35. TENNESSEE WARBLER, the first one was at Moorehead Park on August 20.

36. ORANGE CROWNED WARBLER, the first one was at Moorehead Park on September 18. The most was eleven (11) at Moorehead Park on October 8.

37. NASHVILLE WARBLER, the first one was August 17 at Moorehead Park. The last two were at Moorehead Park on October 10.

38. NORTHERN PARULA, the first one was on August 28 at Moorehead Park. The most were two on August 31 at Moorehead Park. The last one was a female on September 18 at Moorehead Park.

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38. CHESTNUT SIDED WARBLER, the first one at Moorehead Park was on the 24 of August. The most was 4 on August 31 at Moorehead Park.

39. MAGNOLIA WARBLER, the first was on August 28 at Moorehead Park.

40. BLACK THROATED GREEN WARBLER, the first one was on August 21 at Moorehead Park. The last one was on September 26 at Moorehead Park.

41. BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER, an immature and an adult female were observed at Moorehead Park on August 17. The last one was on September 4 at Moorehead Park.

42. BAY BREASTED WARBLER, the first one at Moorehead Park was on August 21. The most was 8 on August 31.

43. BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER, the first one was observed at Moorehead Park on August 17. The most was six on August 28 and 14 on September 4 at Moorehead Park.

44. AMERICAN REDSTART, the first migrant (none have been detected breeding) was observed on August 16 at Moorehead Park.

45. NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH, the first one was observed on August 17 at Moorehead Park. The last was on seen on August 30 at Moorehead Park.

46. OVENBIRD, the last one was seen on September 26 at Moorehead Park.

47. CONNECTICUT WARBLER, a bird with a light gray back, yellowish/green chest and belly, long undertail coverlets - short tailed appearance, distinctive white eye ring, light grey hood with a grayish white throat, was observed on the 23 & 30 of August (both sightings were in the same location).

48. MOURNING WARBLER, the first one at Moorehead Park was on August 21. The most was seven (7) on August 31 at Moorehead Park. The last were 2 at Moorehead Park on September 4

49. WILSON'S WARBLER, the first one was observed on August 16 at Moorehead Park. The last one at Moorehead Park was on September 4.

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50. CANADA WARBLER, the first one at Moorehead Park was on August 17. The most and last were four on September 3 at Moorehead Park.

51. SCARLET TANAGER, the first one at Moorehead Park was on August 17.

52. RUFIOUS SIDED TOWHEE, a spotted race male was observed at Moorehead Park on October 16.

53. CLAY COLORED SPARROW, the first one at Moorehead Park was on October 8.

54. HENSLow'S SPARROW, one to three birds were observed on August 10, 14, & 15. The birds were located west and north of Ida Grove in a fallow field. The birds had the following characteristics.

DOCUMENTED

55. LE CONTE'S SPARROW, one was observed at Fairview Cemetery in Ida County on October 12.

56. SHARP TAILED SPARROW, one was seen at South Blue Lake in Monona County on September 29.

57. LINCOLN'S SPARROW, the first was one seen at Moorehead Park on October 8.

58. FOX SPARROW. the most were 24 at Swiss Valley Park in Dubuque County on October 31.

59. WHITE THROATED SPARROW, the first one at Moorehead Park was on October 8.

60. WHITE CROWNED SPARROW, the first one was on October 9 at Moorehead Park.

61. *HARRIS SPARROW, an immature was found in Ida County on September 18.

62. *DARK EYED JUNCO, a female was observed at Moorehead Park on September 14.

63. RUSTY BLACKBIRD, a small flock was observed at Tomahawk marsh in Sac County on October 14.

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64. GREAT TAILED GRACKLE, 22 were observed at Blue Lake in Monona County on November 17. They were about 50 % male & 50 % female.