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LATE

Ni Tom -

Here we go with another handwritten special Field Report. We're on the road to Michigan + Reid's photos finally arrived the day before we left. Anyway, written details will be skimpy + hopefully the photos will be enough documentation this time.

So, here we go (they will be listed in haphazard order, too!). Forgive my messiness!

May 5, 1996 YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON - POLK Co. - 17th + CENTER,
WEST DES MOINES, IA

We almost had an accident when we spotted this bird $\frac{1}{2}$ blocks from our house in a residential neighborhood.

- PHOTO ENCLOSED -

MARCH 23, 1996 GOLDEN EAGLE - FREMONT CO.
SPRING VALLEY LOOP ROAD

oops!

~~MAY 24, 1996~~ WESTERN RACE "SPOTTED" TOWHEE - POLK COUNTY
1601 PLEASANT ST.
WEST DES MOINES, IA

APRIL 24, 1996

We usually have one or two of these birds in our yard every spring (since 1991, at least). Reid wasn't able to get a photo, but the call and "spattering" all over the back of this bird was definitive.

MARCH 16, 1996 AMERICAN WOODCOCK - CASS CO.
LAKE ANITA STATE PARK

MARCH 24, 1996 (2) GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLETS - POLK CO.
1601 PLEASANT ST - WDM

MARCH 22, 1996 GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE - POTTAWATTAMIE CO.
OAKLAND, IA - $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. N (OLD SEWAGE TREATMENT AREA)
MAY 22, 1996 LEE COUNTY
FT. MADISON, IA (photo enclosed)
Swamp/marsh next to SUPER 8 motel

NOTE: TOM.

EUGENE wanted us to include his (+ ours) sighting of a Western Grebe at Little Wall Lake on May 27, 1996.

POLK COUNTY

APRIL 25, 1996

(4) CATTLE EGRETS - sitting on a mud/sand bar off campsite 4 at Jester State Park

MAY 5, 1996

(20) WHITE-FACED IBIS - GREENE COUNTY NO. END OF SNAKE CREEK MARSH

Four of these birds were first spotted & then a harrier flew low over the marsh & 15 flew up in a small group flight.

Eugene & Eloise arrived & Reid & Eugene & I walked out to the edge of the marsh & the harrier flew by again & scared the group up. This time there were 20 in the group. We kept hoping one of them would be a Glossy Ibis but all of the birds had the distinctive "white face."

** (2) PHOTOS ENCLOSED.

MARCH 23, 1996

7-11 LONG-BILLED DOWITCHERS

FREMONT CO. SECRET LAKE

Tom, this could be an early date. It was windier than ---- and about the only good details we can give you are that the birds were dowitchers. You couldn't hear any call when they got up to fly. The wind was blowing so hard you ~~could~~ couldn't hold the scope steady enough to get good details and the birds were all in winter plumage.

APRIL 23, 1996

GREEN HERON

GUTHRIE COUNTY BAY'S BRANCH

MAY 10, 1996

WESTERN KINGBIRD

WEBSTER CO. HWY 175 + DES MOINES RIVER

We pulled off the road to explore this river access & here was this Western Kingbird fly catching.

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