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ITEM	COMMON NAME	NUM	DATE	LOCATION	HABITAT
1	Green-backed Heron First. Two flew over the woods together.	2	5/4/94	Indigo, Fairfield, IA	Woods
2	Sharp-shinned Hawk First.	1	4/14/94	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Feeding station
3	Red-tailed Hawk Two adults and a nest with three nestlings observed from 5/13 to 5/25 on private land 3 miles south of Fairfield. On 5/25 I saw an adult fly into the woods carrying a long snake toward the nest.	5	5/13/94	Jerre's Land, Jefferson, IA	Woods & meadow
4	Chimney Swift First I saw this year. A few days later than usual, perhaps because of cold weather.	1	4/20/94	Overhead, Fairfield, IA	Residential area
5	Eastern Wood-Pewee First	1	5/11/94	Waterworks Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
6	Eastern Phoebe First. Two calling from a tree by building where there was a nest in the rafters last year.	2	4/3/94	Glasgow Acres, Fairfield, IA	Rural area
7	Red-breasted Nuthatch The one that spent the winter at my feeders was last seen on 4/28. Then I saw one at Chautauqua Park on 5/11.	1	5/11/94	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees
8	Brown Creeper First on 3/20 Last on 4/6, near Chautauqua Park	1	3/20/94	Indigo, Fairfield, IA	Wetland
9	Carolina Wren They weren't around my yard all winter, for the first time in several years. First I saw in spring	2	4/6/94	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
10	House Wren First of season	1	4/17/94	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Residential area

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11	Ruby-crowned Kinglet First	1	4/10/94	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Rural area
12	Ruby-crowned Kinglet Last	1	5/15/94	Jerre's Land, Jefferson, IA	Pasture
13	Brown Thrasher First		4/10/94	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Rural area
14	Loggerhead Shrike Two very close together in scrubby tree flew off together.	2	5/31/94	Amish area near Kalona, Washington Co., IA	Rough Pasture
15	Yellow-throated Vireo First. Heard 5/8; saw 5/9	1	5/8/94	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Trees
16	Philadelphia Vireo First. Also, this is the only time I've seen more than one at a time.	2	5/11/94	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees
17	Orange-crowned Warbler This first date is typical. Almost every year I discover this species in Fairfield during the last three days of April.	2	4/30/94	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Tree, hawthorne
18	Nashville Warbler First	1	5/9/94	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Trees
19	Northern Parula In the oaks of Chautauqua Park, 1/4 mile from a small stream	2	5/11/94	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees
20	Chestnut-sided Warbler Maximum	5	5/11/94	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees

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21	Yellow-rumped Warbler First of season	1	4/10/94	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Rural area
22	Yellow-rumped Warbler Maximum. They were truly everywhere. They are pretty difficult to count. I believe there must have been 100 in the park, but I was able to determine at least 20 at one time.	20	4/27/94	Waterworks Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees
23	Black-throated Green Warbler First, last, maximum — take your pick.	1	5/4/94	Indigo, Fairfield, IA	Woods
24	Palm Warbler First	1	5/4/94	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
25	Bay-breasted Warbler Male. This is only the second time I've seen the male in spring plumage. This is sort of an event.	1	5/11/94	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees
26	Blackpoll Warbler First. I saw several Blackpolls on different days.	2	5/11/94	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees
27	American Redstart First	1	5/11/94	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Trees
28	Hooded Warbler Brilliant yellow as a goldfinch, but with black crown, throat, and upper breast, connected by black hind border to golden cheek. No wing bars. It sang "To eat, to eat, to eat teé oh." It was 20 feet from me at eye level in small tree with hardly any leaves. My first sighting of this species in Jefferson County.	1	5/4/94	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Woods
29	Northern Cardinal Albino female. She has the red but not the black pigment. She is a beautiful thing. We call her the ivory cardinal. Her wingtips are white. The top of her crest is red. She was around last fall and off and on all winter. Last seen April 7.	1	3/31/94	My back yard, Jefferson, IA	Feeding station
30	Rufous-sided Towhee First I heard	1	4/18/94	Indigo, Fairfield, IA	Woods

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31	Chipping Sparrow First. Heard. (The song is similar to a swamp sparrow's, but I've never seen a swamp sparrow anywhere near my yard, which has no wet place.)	1	4/5/94	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Trees
32	Fox Sparrow First of the season	1	3/22/94	Chautauqua Park, Fairfield, IA	Rural area
33	White-throated Sparrow First of spring	1	3/24/94	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Feeding station
34	Harris's Sparrow It's unusual in Jefferson County.	1	5/2/94	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Feeding station
35	Dark-eyed Junco Last I saw	2	4/13/94	My back yard, Fairfield, IA	Feeding station
36	Bobolink This was the only one I've seen this spring, but three people living in different parts of the county have told me they've seen "a flock" of bobolinks. This is more bobolinks than I've been aware of in this county before.	1	5/15/94	Jerre's Land, Jefferson, IA	Pasture
37	Western Meadowlark Early? I saw three meadowlarks in a bare field and heard the song of the western meadowlark.	3	3/13/94	Rural area SW of town, Iowa City, IA	Farmland
38	Orchard Oriole Seen 5/15 and 5/21 in same place.	1	5/15/94	Jerre's Land, Jefferson, IA	Woods