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FIELD REPORTS--SPRING 1994

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WEATHER AND HABITAT CONDITIONS

March was only the third month in the past two years to average warmer than normal and precipitation was extremely low...the second driest March in 122 years. Measurable snow was confined to only scattered areas from the 25th to the 29th.

April was marked by frequent and large fluctuations in temperature although the overall average was near normal. It was 13 degrees at several locations on the 5th but only 13 days later it was 95 at Sheldon. Snow fell relatively frequently with six to eight inches in the northwest on the 12th and 28th. Another six inches fell at Dubuque on the 30th, the greatest snowfall on record that late in the season at that location.

May provided some very cold temperatures with subfreezing lows through the 8th at various locations. There was relatively little severe weather (thunderstorms or tornadoes). In contrast to recent seasons, this was overall the sixth driest spring in 122 years.

Precipitation with Deviation from Normal¶

	Temperature, F	Precipitation,
inches ¶	Mean (Deviation)	Mean (Deviation)¶
March	38.6 (+2.9)	2.48 (-1.49)
April	49.6 (+0.1)	2.47 (-0.69)
May	61.8 (+0.9)	2.07 (-1.91)¶
Since January 1		6.99 (-4.12)¶

GENERAL TRENDS

The waterfowl migration was about normal for dates of arrival, but total numbers appeared to be less. There were above average numbers for all the grebes, except Horned. Good shorebird habitat existed throughout most of the state and there were excellent shorebird variety and numbers. Shorebird species present in increased numbers included Semipalmated Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, and both Godwits. A prolonged strong southerly airflow was associated with a large number of very early passerine arrivals in April. Thereafter, northerly and easterly winds discouraged passerines, and it was not until the second week of May that many more arrived. All-in-all, the warbler migration was

lackluster, with no waves or fallouts. Reports of Carolina Wren were down drastically, which is probably a reflection of the severe winter. Other passerine species which showed a decline were Yellow-breasted Chat, which was limited to one sighting, and both Cuckoos. On the other hand, American Pipits were widely reported, and Great-tailed Grackles continued to expand their population in the western third of the state.

UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS

Potential first state records are Fish Crow and Swainson's Warbler. Accidental species reported included Clark's Grebe, Mississippi Kite, Greater Prairie-Chicken, Purple Gallinule, Mountain Bluebird, Sprague's Pipit, Western Tanager, and Black-headed Grosbeak. Casual species included Red-throated Loon, White-faced Ibis, Whimbrel, Red Knot, Lark Bunting, and Eurasian Tree Sparrow. Some of the rare birds reported were Red-necked Grebe, all three Scoter species, Snowy Egret, Yellow Rail, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Varied Thrush, and Prairie Warbler.

SPECIES DATA (* = documented)

Red-throated Loon: A bird in basic plumage was at Silver L. in Worth Co. on 7-9 May (*JLW, CJF, RGo, EuA/E1A)[record latest].

Common Loon: The first was on 31 Mar at Pleasant Creek L. (JLF). On 9 Apr, 5-6 were at L. Cornelia (MPr). The last was 1 in Polk Co. on 20 May (SJD).

Pied-billed Grebe: The first were 3 on 19 Mar at Dunbar Sl. (MPr). The peak was on 6 Apr, with 52 at L. Manawa (BKP/LJP) and 50 in Johnson Co. (THK).

Horned Grebe: There were fewer than normal reports, with singles at Rathbun L. on 20 Mar (JSi), Big Creek L. on 2 Apr (DT), Morse L. in Wright Co. on 9 Apr (MPr), and Blue L. on 14 Apr (PE).

Red-necked Grebe: A bird in alternate plumage was in Johnson Co. on 6 Apr (JLF-details). A pair was at Trumbull L. on 14 Apr (*MMB). There were 1-2 at Silver L. in Worth Co. on 7-12 May (*RGo, CJF, JLW). On 20-27 May, 2 were at Grovers L. in Dickinson Co. (*MMB, LAS, DH)[record latest].

Eared Grebe: All reports were from the western half of the state, with the first on 14 Apr at Blue L. (PE). Others were 4 at L. Manawa on 15 Apr (THK), 7 at Snyder's Bend on 16 Apr (BFH), 1-3 at Terra Pond in Johnston from 17 Apr to 4 May (DT), 2 at Forney L. on 21 Apr (JLF), 2-4 at Silver L. in Worth Co. on 7-12 May (CJF, JLW, RGo), 1 at Blackhawk L. on 10 May (DH), and 1 at Big Wall L. on 18 May (MPr). The last was on 29 May at Grovers L. (SJD).

Western Grebe: There were more than usual, with the first on 14 Apr at Blue L. (PE). Others reported were 1-2 at Trumbull L. on 29 April to 29 May (LAS, MMB, SJD), 2 at Silver L. in Worth Co. on 7-12 May (CJF, JLW, RGo), 2 at Hickory Grove P. in Story Co. on 15 May (MPr), and 1-3 at Grovers L. on 17-29 May (JJD, LAS, SJD), where a pair was seen courting (SJD).

Clark's Grebe: There was 1 with a Western Grebe at Trumbull L. on 13 and 19 May (*MMB).

American White Pelican: The first were 20 on 20 Mar at Rathbun L. (JSi). On 26 Mar, 20 were on Pool #13 in Clinton Co. (PCP). The peak was 1,500 at Hendrickson M. and Lakin Sl. on 14 April (THK). There were still 300 at Badger L., Monona Co., on 25 May (SJD).

Double-crested Cormorant: An imm. was at Cedar L. on 4-6 Mar (JLF, DLD), probably the same bird that overwintered there. There were 200 at Pool #13 in Clinton Co. on 10 May, with nesting activity on 4 islands in the river (PCP).

American Bittern: The only April report was 1 on the 6th at Grammer Grove W.A. (MPr). All others were singles: on 2 May at Otter Creek M. (JLF), 4 May at Sweet M. (RLC), 8 May at Anderson L. (PHA/RIA), 14 May at Kettleson Hogsback A. (LAS), 18 May at Spring Run W.A. (JJD), 19 May at Blue L. (PE), and 29 May at Dewey's Pasture (SJD).

Least Bittern: A male was at Zirbel Sl. on 13 May (RGo), and 1-2 were at Sweet M. on 25, 26 May (JLW, JLF, CE, DRP).

Great Blue Heron: On Mar 5, there was 1 in Johnson Co. (DRP). Rookeries were noted with 13 birds present at one near Rice L. in Worth Co. on 27 Mar (CJF), west of Union in Hardin Co. on 30 Apr (Joan Buwalda fide BPr), and 5 nests at W. Hottes L. on 17 May (JJD).

Great Egret: The first was on 20 Mar in Scott Co. (PCP)[3rd earliest]. Other March sightings were on the 25th at Cherokee (MMB) and on the 30th in Clinton Co. (DCD). A rookery with 3 nests was at Blue L. on 19 May (PE).

Snowy Egret: There were 2 at the Riverton A. on 16 Apr (THK)[3rd earliest].

Little Blue Heron: An adult was near Buffalo in Scott Co. on 14 May (Richard Sayles fide PCP).

Cattle Egret: The first were singles on 16 Apr at Otter Creek M. (EuA/EIA, DT) and at Hawarden (JV). The most were 10 at Union Slough N.W.R. on 31 May (MCK). There were 11 other reports of 1 to 4 birds from throughout the state.

Green-backed Heron: The first was 1 on 17 Apr north of Iowa City (JES).

Black-crowned Night-Heron: All 13 reports were from April, with the first on the 9th at the Coralville Res. (DLD) and Polk City W.A. (JC). The greatest number was 24 at Lakin Sl. on the 15th (JSi). On 29 May, 10, including birds carrying nesting material, were at Grovers L. (SJD).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: Single birds were reported from Forney L. on 20 Apr (PHA/RIA-photo), Cone M. on 1-13 May (THK, JLF, PCP, DRP), Muscatine Co. on 14 May (PCP), and Polk City W.A. on 14-15 May (EuA/EIA, DT).

White-faced Ibis: The only report was 1 at Blue L. on 3 to 7 May (*PE, EuA/EIA).

Tundra Swan: There were 2 at Union Slough. N.W.R. on 24 Mar (refuge personnel fide MCK) and 4 at Cardinal M. on 9 Apr (DeC).

Trumpeter Swan: There were 6, including 4 imm., none of which had identifying bands or tags, south of Alden in Hardin Co. on 15 Mar (MPr-details). An imm. was at Blue L. on 10 Apr (*BFH).

Mute Swan: Single adults were near McCausland on 14 Apr (PCP) and at Princeton M. on 12 May (PCP)[3rd latest].

Greater White-fronted Goose: There were many reported from across the state, with a peak of 160 on 19 Mar at Trumbull L. (LAS). May sightings were 1 on the 17th at W. Hottes M. (LAS), 2-3 on the 19th to 26th at Blue L. (PE, SJD), and 1 on the 30th at Swan L. in Dickinson Co. (SJD).

Snow Goose: The first were 20 at Credit I. in Davenport on 5 Mar (DCD). The greatest number was 500,000 at Brown's L. in Woodbury Co. on 14 Mar, which was reported in the Sioux City Journal (BFH). On 8 Apr, 4,000 were at Dan Green Sl. (MMB) and 15 were still there on 29 May (SJD).

Ross' Goose: The first were 2 at Forney L. on 3 Mar (BKP/LJP). Other reports were 17 at Blue L. on 24 Mar (PE-details), 2 at Rice L. on 27 Mar (JLW-details), 1 at Dan Green Sl. on 1 Apr (MMB-details), 1-4 at Secret L. in Fremont Co. on 16-21 Apr (THK, JLF, BKP/LJP), and 1 at Teig's M. on 18-20 May (MPR-details, JLF, JES).

Canada Goose: There were 75 at Cone M. on 5 May (THK).

Wood Duck: The first were on 8 Mar, with 2 at Eagle Point P. in Clinton (PCP) and 3 on Maple R. in Ida Co. (PE).

Green-winged Teal: The first was on 9 Mar at Blue L. (PE). Reports from late May were 5 at W. Hottes M. on the 22nd (LAS), 1 at Sweet M. on the 24th (JLF), and 2 at Cardinal M. on the 27th (DeC).

American Black Duck: The only reports from the western part of the state were 1 at W. Hottes M. on 17 May (LAS) and a male at Jemerson Sl. on 27 May (SJD).

Cinnamon Teal: A male was at Otter Creek M. on 8-10 Apr (JLF, AMJ, MPR). A pair was at Sandbar Sl. in Dickinson Co. on 11-21 Apr (ET-photo, LAS, CJF) and 1 was at Forney L. on 21 Apr (JLF).

Northern Shoveler: The first were 2 on 6 Mar at Cone M. (DRP). A peak of 120 occurred at Cardinal M. on 31 Mar (DeC), and 1 was still at Pool Sl. in Allamakee Co. on 14 May (FL).

Gadwall: The first were on 5 Mar, with 1 at Iowa City (DRP), and 2 at Cherokee (JSi).

American Wigeon: A male was still at Meinking M. on 27 May (SJD).

Canvasback: A peak of 750 on Pool #19 at Montrose occurred on 12 Mar (RLC). One lingered at Blue L. on 26 May (PE, SJD).

Redhead: The first were 59 on 3 Mar at Blue L. (PE). The peak was 103 at L. Manawa on 11 Mar (BKP/LJP).

Ring-necked Duck: The first were 21 on 5 Mar at Pacific Junction (BKP/LJP). The peak was 245 at the IPL Ponds on 13 Mar (BKP/LJP). There were 126 at Rathbun L. on 6 Mar. (RLC) and 120 at Cardinal M. on 31 Mar (DeC).

Greater Scaup: Details were provided for 10 at Pool #13, Clinton Co., on 8 Mar (PCP), 2 males at Swan L., Johnson Co., on 1 Apr (DRP), 2 at Cone M. on 5 Apr (PCP), 1 at Lakin Sl. on 14 Apr (THK), and 2 at Otter Creek M. on 17 Apr (DRP).

Lesser Scaup: The most were 590 at Rathbun L. on 23 Mar (RLC). There were still 3 at Terra L. in Johnston on 31 May (DT).

Black Scoter: A male in alternate plumage was at Big Creek L. on 9-13 Apr (MPr-details, DT, EuA/EIA, AMJ).

Surf Scoter: Single females were below the Red Rock Dam on 15 Apr (JLF) and at Pleasant Creek L. on 9-15 May (*DRP, CE-details, JLF).

White-winged Scoter: The only report was 1 at a farm pond in Winnebago Co. on 22 May (MCK)[2nd latest].

Common Goldeneye: The last was 1 on 9 Apr at Big Wall L. (MPr).

Bufflehead: A female appeared at Blue L. on 3 Mar (PE), and the peak was 24 at Rathbun L. on 23 Mar (RLC). A female was still at Swan L. in Dickinson Co. on 30 May (SJD)[record latest].

Hooded Merganser: The first were 5 on 12 Mar at Cone M. (CE). At Big Sand Mound Preserve there were 50, including 3 broods of large young, on 14 May (PCP) and 2 adults and 11 downy young were at Brenton Sl. in Polk Co. on 14 May (JSi).

Common Merganser: On 18 Mar, 100 were at Rock Valley (JV).

Red-breasted Merganser: The greatest number was 130 at L. Cornelia on 9 Apr (MPr). May reports included 1 in Van Buren Co. on the 12th (JLF), 1 in Louisa Co. on the 14th (PCP), 1 to 2 at Pleasant Creek L. on the 15th-19th (JLF), and a female at W. Okoboji L. on the 27th (SJD).

Ruddy Duck: On 12 Mar, 30 were on Pool #19 of the Mississippi R. in Lee Co. (RLC).

Turkey Vulture: The first were 5 in Lee Co. on 12 Mar (RLC).

Osprey: On 10 Apr, singles were at Otter Creek M. (MPr) and near Big Creek S.P. (AMJ). A bird was still at Brown's L. on 25 May (SJD) and another at Sweet M. on 26 May (DRP, JLF).

Mississippi Kite: Single birds were at Hickory Hill P. in Iowa City on 17 Apr (*JLF), at Ledges S.P. on 14 May (*DT), and at Peterson Pits in Story Co. on 22 May (*MPr, *DRP).

Bald Eagle: On 6 Mar, 104 were at the Runnells W.A. (JSi) and 40 were at Rathbun L. (RLC). May sightings were 3 at Pool Sl. in Allamakee Co. on the 14th (FL) and 2 young in a nest at Sny McGill North Cedar Creeks in Clayton Co. on 29 May (EuA/EIA).

Northern Harrier: A female was still at the Kettleston Hogsback A. on 22 May (LAS), and a pair was calling and may have been nesting in northern Clay Co. on 29 May (SJD).

Cooper's Hawk: There were 7 reports, with the last at Ledges S.P. on 11 May (MPr).

Northern Goshawk: An adult that wintered at Kent P. in Johnson Co. was still there on 4 Mar (JLF) and an imm. was at Moorehead P. in Ida Co. on 8 Mar (PE). The only other was 1 at Waubonsie S.P. on 23 Mar (BKP/LJP-details).

Red-shouldered Hawk: Single immature birds were north of Iowa City on 1-5 Mar (JES, JLF, CE, DRP) and in Kossuth Co. on 24 May (MCK). Adult birds were in Johnson Co. on 4 Mar (CE), at Yellow River F. on 2 Apr (DRP), and in western Lyon Co. on 28 May (SJD). An adult and 2 young in the nest were

at Sny McGill North Cedar Creeks in Clayton Co. on 29 May (EuA/EIA).

Broad-winged Hawk: The first was 1 on 16 Apr at Grammer Grove W.A. (MPr). Late May birds, which may be nesters, were 1 at Yellow River F. on 14 May (FL), and 2-3 at Ledges S.P. on 21-22 May (MPr, DRP, RLC, DT).

Swainson's Hawk: There were 5 north of Mason City on 23 Mar (JLW-details, CJF)[3rd earliest]. The peak was 150 at a roost at Waubonsie S.P. on 16 Apr (BKP/LJP). Seven other reports described 1 to 2 birds, all in the western part of the state, except 1 in Madison Co. on 16 Apr (EuA/EIA). On 1 May, a pair returned to a nest site in Osceola Co. for the 17th straight year (DBi).

Red-tailed Hawk: A Harlan's race was in Johnson Co. on 5 Mar (DRP), and a Krider's race was noted in Palo Alto Co. on 12 Mar (LAS). A nest with 3 young was observed south of Fairfield on 13-25 May (DCP).

Rough-legged Hawk: The last was on 29 Apr in Kossuth Co. (MCK).

Golden Eagle: A single was near Washta in Cherokee Co. on 11 Mar (MMB) and an imm. was at Waubonsie S.P. on 23 Mar (BKP/LJP-details).

Merlin: All 7 sightings were of single birds: in Cherokee Co. on 5 Mar (ET-photo), at Davenport on 5 Apr (PCP), in Cerro Gordo Co. on 6 Apr (CJF-details), in Marshall Co. on 17 Apr (MPr-details), in Plymouth Co. on 24 Apr (BFH), in Appanoose Co. on 7 May (RLC-details), and in Polk Co. on 11 May (DT)[ties 3rd latest].

Peregrine Falcon: Single birds were described from 5 wetland areas across the state: at Otter Creek M. on 10 April (MPr-details), Union Slough N.W.R. on 29 Apr (MCK), Blue L. on 30 Apr and 26 May (PE), Cone M. on 11 May (JLF), and Blackhawk L. on 15 May (DS). A pair was observed mating on 8 May at the same downtown Des Moines location where they nested last year (JSi). There were 3 young hatched at Cedar Rapids on 19 May (Laura Jackson fide JLF).

Gray Partridge: Disturbing are descriptions "now hard to find" in Sioux Co. (JV), and "gone" from central Iowa (DT).

Ruffed Grouse: Away from their normal range, 2 drumming birds were at the Lucas Unit of Stephens S.F. on 7 May (JSi).

Greater Prairie-Chicken: The bird that wintered at Cherokee was still present on 5 Mar (ET-photo) and was last seen south of there on 5 Apr (DBi).

Wild Turkey: They continue to spread along the major rivers in northwest Iowa (JV). Birds accidentally flushed from nests were at the Coralville Res. on 26 Apr (DRP) and in Warren Co. on 15 May (JSi).

Northern Bobwhite: In Sioux Co., their "total absence is alarming" (JV).

Yellow Rail: A bird was flushed at Otter Creek M. on 6 May (JLF-details).

King Rail: 1 was found dead at the Alfred Hellman farmhouse near Bancroft on 12 May (MCK).

Virginia Rail: There were 2 at Otter Creek M. on 2 May (JLF). All other reports were: 1 at Snake Creek M. on 10-11 May (DT), 1 at Teig's M. on 20 May (JLF), 3 at Fish Farm Mounds Pond in Allamakee Co. on 14 May (FL), and 2 at a marsh north of Silver L. in Worth Co. on 29 May (JLF).

Sora: The first was 1 on 17 Apr in Boone Co. (MPr).

Purple Gallinule: A bird at Sweet M. on 24-30 May was seen by many (*JLF, *CE, *DRP, *MPr).

Common Moorhen: A group of 6 was at Anderson L. on 7 May (HZ). Other reports were 1-2 at Teig's M. on 8-20 May (PHA/RIA, MPr, JLF, JES), and singles at Blue L. on 14 May (PE), at Pleasant Creek L. on 16 May (DLD), and at Blue L. on 25 May (SJD).

American Coot: The first were 2 at Bay's Branch on 5 Mar (MPr).

Sandhill Crane: This species has made a strong comeback in the state. At Otter Creek M., where nesting has been successful the past two years, 7 adults were present into May (Mike Stegmann fide JLF). From 1 to 4 birds were reported from Otter Creek on 31 Mar to 22 May (JLF, MPr, AMJ, DRP, CE, JES). There were 3 at Green Island W.A. on 13 Mar (Sylvia Faust fide PCP). An adult was at Goose L. and 2 imm. at the Pekosh A. in Clinton Co. on 14 May (KMc fide PCP). A bird was displaying at Princeton M. on 17 May (PCP). In April, 2 were at the New Albin W.A. and 2 were at Sweet M. (Laura Jackson fide JLF). A corrected date for a bird previously reported 27 Apr, 1993 at Otter Creek M. (Jeffrey Dankert fide DLD) is 27 Mar, 1993.

Black-bellied Plover: The first was 1 on 10 May at the Green Island W.A. (PCP) and the peak was 32 at the Saylorville Res. on 19 May (SJD). There was still 1 at Blue L. on 26 May (SJD).

Lesser Golden-Plover: The first were 3 in basic plumage at Cone M. on 31 Mar (JLF). At Rush L. in Palo Alto Co., there were 216 on 19 May, 118 on 27 May (MMB), and 3 on 29 May (SJD).

Semipalmated Plover: The first were 2 on 14 Apr at Roberts Creek L. in Marion Co. (JLF). The most were 80 at Elk Creek M. on 21 May (EuA/EIA) and the last were 2 on 25 May at Cardinal M. (DeC).

Piping Plover: There were 3 to 6 at the IPL Ponds on 21-22 Apr (BKP/LJP, JLF), with 2 there on 5 May (EuA/EIA), and 3 on 29 May (BKP/LJP). The only other reports were of singles at the Saylorville Res. on 10 May (DT) and at Blue L. on 7-12 May (PE, EuA/EIA).

American Avocet: The first was 1 on 14 Apr at Roberts Creek L. (JLF). The peak was 15 at Forney L. on 15 April (THK) and at the Riverton A. on 16 Apr (THK). Other reports were of 1 to 4 birds in Pottawattamie, Marion, Fremont, and Cherokee counties.

Greater Yellowlegs: The only March report was of 6 at Cone M. on the 26th (JES). A single was still at Blue L. on 25 May (SJD-details).

Lesser Yellowlegs: The first was at Trumbull L. on 18 Mar (MMB). The peak was 225 at Cone M. on 5 May (THK).

Solitary Sandpiper: The last 1 was on 19 May in Winneshiek Co. (DeC).

Willet: The first 2 were at Cone M. on 27 Mar (*JES)[record earliest]. The largest number was 20 at the Coralville Res. on 24 Apr (DRP). Nine other reports, all in April, described 1 to 5 birds.

Spotted Sandpiper: The first was 1 on 19 Apr in Winneshiek Co. (DeC).

Upland Sandpiper: There was 1 in Johnson Co. on 24 Apr (THK). Up to 3 were near Homestead in Iowa Co. on 1-15 May (JLF). Pairs were in Sioux Co. on 30 Apr (JV) and Lucas Co. on 18 May (JLW).

Whimbrel: 1 appeared on 27 May at the Coralville Res. (*CE, *JLF, *DLD, *JES)[record latest].

Hudsonian Godwit: The first were 2 on 15 Apr at Blue L. (THK). The peak was 32 at W. Hottes L. on 11 May (LAS). Of the 13 other reports, 2 were from eastern Iowa: 1 at LeClaire on 12 May was only a second Scott Co. record (PCP), and 4 were at the Coralville Res. on 26 May (CE).

Marbled Godwit: There were many more reports, with more individuals, than normal. The first were 7 on 16 Apr at Snyder's Bend (BFH). There were 1-2 at 5 locations: Dickinson Co. on 19 Apr (ET), Trumbull L. on 29 Apr (MMB-details), Green Island W.A. on 10 May (PCP), Blue L. on 12 May (PE-details), and near Dunbar Sl. on 15 May (MPr-details). Reports of large flocks were: 18 in Fremont Co. on 21 Apr (JLF-details) and 20 at Lakin Sl on 15 May (PHA/RIA). Another flock of 20 was late on 27 May at Big Creek S.P. (EuA/ElA)[ties 2nd latest]. A bird on 30 May at Cunningham Sl. in Emmet Co. was the last (SJD-details) [record latest].

Ruddy Turnstone: All reports were from late May. Large groups were 24 at the Coralville Res. on 17 May (JLF) and 30 at Big Creek S.P. on 27 May (EuA/ElA). Others were 1-6: in Dickinson Co. on 17 and 19 May (ET), at Big Creek S.P. on 17 May (HZ), in Pocahontas Co. on 18 May (JJD), and at the Coralville Res. on 26 May (CE).

Red Knot: A bird primarily in basic plumage was at Blue L. on 12 May (*PE).

Sanderling: Eight reports noted 1 to 3 birds from 10-27 May.

Western Sandpiper: 2 were at Cone M. on 10 and 14 May (PCP-details).

Least Sandpiper: The first was on 17 Apr at Otter Creek M. (DRP). There were 65 at the Polk City W.A. on 10 May (DT).

White-rumped Sandpiper: The first were 2 on 29 Apr at Blue L. (PE). The peak was 125 at Patterson W.A. in Kossuth Co. on 22 May (MCK).

Baird's Sandpiper: The first were 3 at Blue L. on 2 Apr (PE). The peak and last were 10 on 14 May at Cone M. (PCP).

Dunlin: The first was 1 at the Coralville Res. on 24 Apr (DRP). The largest number was 40 at the Coralville Res. on 18 May (CE). The last were 12 in Kossuth Co. on 27 May (MCK).

Stilt Sandpiper: The most were 16 near Dunbar Sl. on 15 May (MPr).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: 1 was at Blue L. on 29 Apr. (PE-details)[3rd earliest] and 8 were there on 20 May (PE-details).

Short-billed Dowitcher: Details were provided for birds seen from 1-15 May: groups of 8-11 at Cone M. (DRP, PCP), 9 at Hickory Grove P. (HZ), 9 at Polk City W.A. (DT), 14 at Blue L. (PE), 90 at Cone M. (PCP), and 55 near Dunbar Sl. (MPr).

Long-billed Dowitcher: The first were 6 at the Riverton A. on 16 Apr (THK). On 14 May, the last 4 were at Cone M. (PCP-details)[ties 2nd latest].

Common Snipe: Large numbers of 200 and 400 were reported from Cone M. on 5 Apr (PCP, CE).

American Woodcock: First was 1 on 12 Mar at Snyder's Bend (BFH-details). An adult and 3 young were at Sweet M. on 28 May (MPr).

Wilson's Phalarope: Single birds were first on 15 Apr at Blue L. (THK) and Roberts Creek L. (JLF) [ties 3rd earliest]. From 1 to 4 birds were noted from 10 other locations, with 2 observed copulating on 27 May at the Kettleson W.P.A. in Dickinson Co. (SJD).

Red-necked Phalarope: A female in alternate plumage was at Red Rock Res. on 15 May (EuA/E1A).

Franklin's Gull: The first was 1 on 14 Mar in Muscatine Co. (DCD). They were said to be "numerous" in the northwest part of the state in late May and 300 remained at Kettleson W.P.A. on the 29th (SJD).

Bonaparte's Gull: The first was 1 on 31 Mar at L. Macbride (DRP). A flock of 50 was in Winneshiek Co. on 19 Apr (DeC). An imm. was still at the Saylorville Res. on 20 May (SJD).

Ring-billed Gull: The first nesting of this species in the state was noted 18 May, when a colony with 17 nests was observed near Spirit L. in Dickinson Co. (JJD).

Herring Gull: There were 3 imm. (2nd-3rd-summer) at Sandbar Sl. in Dickinson Co. on 27 May (SJD) and a 2nd-summer bird was at Kettleson W.P.A. on 29 May (SJD).

Glaucous Gull: A first-year bird was at Roberts Creek L. on 10 Mar (JLF).

Caspian Tern: Arriving first were 4 on 19 Apr at Lock & Dam #16 at Muscatine (PCP)[ties earliest]. The peak was 36 at Big Creek S.P. on 17 May (HZ) and 2 were still at the IPL Ponds on 29 May (BKP/LJP).

Common Tern: A group of 8 was at Blue L. on 24 Apr (PE-details). Other reports were: 3 at Green Island W.A. on 10 May (PCP-details), 6 at Big Creek S.P. on 19 May (SJD-details), 11 at the Saylorville Res. on 20 May (SJD-details), and 1 at Anderson L. on 22 May (PCP).

Forster's Tern: The first were on 14 Apr, with 2 at Cardinal M. (DeC) and 3 at Union Slough N.W.R. (MCK).

Least Tern: A single bird was at Roberts Creek L. on 14 May (AMJ). Along the Big Sioux R. in Plymouth Co. there was 1 on 24 May (DBi) and 2 on 26 May (SJD). At the IPL Ponds, there were 2-3 on 22-28 May (BKP/LJP).

Black Tern: The first was on 7 May in Appanoose Co. (RLC). A large number of 485 was at Blue L. on 25 May (SJD).

Black-billed Cuckoo: The first was a single on 14 May at Ledges S.P. (DT).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: There were only 2 reports of single birds.

Snowy Owl: 1 was in Kossuth Co. on 4 Mar (Roger Batt, Tom Parsons fide MCK).

Long-eared Owl: Singles were at the Coralville Res. on 4 Mar (JLF) and Snyder's Bend on 12 Mar (BFH).

Short-eared Owl: There was 1 in Clayton Co. on 2 Apr (DRP) and 4 were at Walnut Creek N.W.R. on 30 May (Rollin Sachs fide JJD).

Northern Saw-whet Owl: On 4 Mar, 1 was still at the Coralville Res. (JLF).

Common Nighthawk: The peak was 50 at Credit I. in Davenport on 14 May (DCD).

Chuck-will's-widow: A bird was heard on 10 and 14 May west of Montpelier in Muscatine Co. (PCP).

Whip-poor-will: The 3 in Cherokee Co. on 24 May (MMB) and 1 in Cerro Gordo Co. on 18 May (CJF) were thought to be unusual.

Chimney Swift: The first was on 19 Apr in Warren Co. (AMJ).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: A male north of Iowa City on 24 and 25 Apr was the first (JLF)[record earliest].

Northern Flicker: A red-shafted form was in Madison Co. on 26 Mar (PHA/RIA).

Pileated Woodpecker: There were 7 reports of 1 to 3 birds from Scott, Allamakee, Marshall, Boone, Johnson, Polk, and Delaware counties. The only reports from western Iowa were in Dickinson Co. (*RRB) and a pair mating on 16 Apr in Kossuth Co. (Blair Redenius fide MCK).

Olive-sided Flycatcher: The first was at Dudgeon L. in Benton Co. on 15 May (CE, JLF).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: The first was on 14 May in Louisa Co. (PCP). There were 5 other reports of single birds from Johnson, Wright, Sioux, and Woodbury counties.

Acadian Flycatcher: The first was on 5 May at Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. (JLF). Single birds were at 4 different locations in Johnson Co. on 21-30 May (CE), 4 were near Stone City in Jones Co. on 23 May (CE), and 2 were in Appanoose Co. on 30 May (RLC).

Alder Flycatcher: First was 1 at Sweet M. on 19 May (JLF). Nine other reports noted 1 to 3 birds from 21-30 May.

Willow Flycatcher: The first were 5 on 19 May at Sweet M. (JLF).

Least Flycatcher: The first was at Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. on 5 May (JLF).

Eastern Phoebe: The first was on 23 Mar in Wright Co. (MPr).

Great Crested Flycatcher: A bird was at the Coralville Res. on 24 Apr (DRP)[3rd earliest]. Another April sighting was in Cerro Gordo Co. on the 27th (CJF).

Western Kingbird: The first were 2 in Monona Co. on 5 May (PE). Reports away from western Iowa were 1 on 11 May at Big

Creek S.P. (EuA/EIA, DT), and 2-4 on the state capitol grounds in Des Moines (lobbying for a range extension?) on 22-30 May (RLC, PHA/RIA, CE).

Eastern Kingbird: April reports were of single birds on the 24th in Lee Co. (RIC, THK) and on the 25th at the Coralville Res. (DLD).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher: 1 was near L. Cornelia on 18 May (MPr-details).

Horned Lark: An adult was feeding fledged young in Fremont Co. on 16 Apr. (THK).

Purple Martin: The first in Sioux Co. were on 17 Apr (JV).

Tree Swallow: The first were 2 on 20 Mar at Rathbun L. (JSi). The peak was 200 in Johnson Co. on 6 Apr (CE).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: The first were 2 north of Iowa City on 5 Apr (JES, JLF)[2nd earliest].

Bank Swallow: A bird in Polk Co. on 11 Apr was the first (AMJ)[ties earliest].

Cliff Swallow: The most were 300 at Pleasant Creek L. on 9 May (DLD).

Barn Swallow: The first was at Cone M. on 9 Apr (AMJ).

Fish Crow: A report is referred to the Records Committee.

Tufted Titmouse: 24 were in Appanoose Co. on 24 Apr (RLC).

Red-breasted Nuthatch: The invasion of last year continued into the spring with 14 reports of 1 to 3 birds, many at feeders. The last was at Ames on 20 May (PCP, JJD).

Brown Creeper: The last were 2 on 9 May at the Coralville Res. (CE).

Carolina Wren: After substantial increases in sightings the past several years, there were only 6 reports during the period, all from the southern half of the state: 2 birds in Jefferson Co. (DCP), 5 in Lee Co. (THK, RIC), 1 in Jasper Co. (GJB), 1 in Johnson Co. (DRP), 1 in Fremont Co. (BKP/LJP), and 1 in Polk Co. (DT). It appears the severe winter may have taken its toll on this species.

Bewick's Wren: None were reported from the usual locations in Lee and Van Buren counties.

House Wren: The first was 1 at Fairfield on 17 Apr (DCP).

Winter Wren: The last was on 10 May at Bulger's Hollow, Clinton Co. (PCP).

Sedge Wren: First were 2 on 4 May in Bremer Co. (RLC).

Marsh Wren: A single bird was in Boone Co. on 17 Apr (MPr)[ties earliest].

Golden-crowned Kinglet: The first was on 20 Mar in Ida Co. (PE).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: The last was a single at Fairfield on 15 May (DCP).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: First was 1 on 20 Apr in Sac Co. (DS-details). A pair was nestbuilding on 24 Apr in Lee Co. (RIC). 1 was in Cherokee Co. on 24 May (MMB).

Mountain Bluebird: 1-2 males were with Eastern Bluebirds in Greene Co. on 6-13 Mar. (*RT, *ET, *JLF, *MPr).

Veery: They first arrived on 5 May in Grundy Co. (MPr).

Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1 was at Hickory Hill P. on 25 Apr (*THK)[2nd earliest]. Other April records were on the 27th

in Louisa Co. (THK, JLF), and on the 29th in Dickinson Co. (JSi).

Swainson's Thrush: 2 were at Pine Lake S.P. on 2 May (BPr). The peak was on 12 May with 29 at Waterworks P. in Des Moines (RIC) and 28 in Kossuth Co. (MCK). The last was on 24 May at Hickory Hill P. (DRP).

Hermit Thrush: The first were 2 on 2 Apr in Warren Co. (AMJ).

Wood Thrush: Unusual in northwest Iowa, late May birds were in Kossuth Co. (MCK) and Lyon and Clay counties (SJD).

American Robin: A partial albino was at Steamboat Rock on 19 Apr (MPr-details).

Varied Thrush: The wintering male was seen almost daily at the Scheib yard and feeder north of Iowa City until 13 Apr (*JES, JLF, THK).

Northern Mockingbird: Singles were noted in Appanoose Co. on 7 May (RLC) and Polk Co. on 8 May (JSi).

Brown Thrasher: The first was on 9 Apr at Cone M. (PHA/RIA, JLF).

American Pipit: This species was more widely seen than usual, with 21 reports from throughout the state. The first and most were 50 on 31 Mar at Cone M. (JLF). There were also 50 at the Kettleson Hogsback A. on 29 Apr (LAS).

Sprague's Pipit: A report is referred to the Records Committee.

Northern Shrike: Single birds were reported on 5 Mar in Boone Co. (MPr-details) and on 6 Mar in Dickinson Co. (ET), Clay Co. (LAS), and Appanoose counties (RLC).

Loggerhead Shrike: The first was on 5 Mar in Boone Co. (MPr).

White-eyed Vireo: The first was on 23 Apr at Shimek S.F. (THK, RIC). In the northwest part of the state, single birds were in Calhoun Co. on 3 May (DS-details) and at Ingham L. on 30 May (SJD). Other reports were from Johnson, Louisa, and Warren counties.

Bell's Vireo: The first were on 11 May at Cone M. (JLF) and Rock Falls (CJF).

Solitary Vireo: 1 was at Hickory Hill P. on 29 Apr (DRP).

Yellow-throated Vireo: 2 were in Lee Co. on 24 Apr (THK, RIC, CE)[ties 3rd earliest]. The most were 8 in Appanoose Co. on 7 May (RLC).

Warbling Vireo: 3 were north of Montrose in Lee Co on 23 Apr (THK, RIC)[ties record earliest]. Another bird was in western Lee Co. on 24 Apr (CE)[3rd earliest].

Philadelphia Vireo: The first was 1 on 9 May at the Saylorville Res. (DT).

Red-eyed Vireo: On 24 Apr, 1 was at the Croton Unit of Shimek S.F. (CE-details, THK, RIC)[record earliest]. A 1993 report of this species feeding a cowbird on 29 Sep, 1993 (MCK), should be corrected to 29 Aug, 1993.

Blue-winged Warbler: The first were 5 at the Croton Unit of Shimek S.F. on 24 Apr (RIC, CE, THK). The most were 9 at Yellow River F. on 22 May (FL).

Golden-winged Warbler: All reports were from the one-week period of 7-14 May, with the first 2 at the Croton Unit of Shimek S.F. (CE) and the last 4 at Grammer Grove W.A. (MPr).

Tennessee Warbler: The first was on 24 Apr in Polk Co. (JC). The peak was 60 in Appanoose Co. on 14 May (RLC) and the last was 1 on 29 May at Trumbull L. (SJD).

Orange-crowned Warbler: The first were on 19 Apr at Moorehead P. in Ida Co. (PE) and on 21 Apr at Waubonsie S.P. (JLF). The last was 1 on 15 May in Greene Co. (MPr).

Nashville Warbler: A bird at Pony Creek P. in Mills Co. on 21 Apr was the first (JLF)[3rd earliest].

Northern Parula: April sightings were 3 on the 24th at the Croton Unit of Shimek S.F. (CE) and 1 on the 28th in Polk Co. (JC). A male was at Preparation Canyon on 13 May (PE).

Yellow Warbler: The first were 1-2 on 26 Apr at the Coralville Res. (CE, DRP).

Chestnut-sided Warbler: The first was on 8 May in Story Co. (JC).

Magnolia Warbler: The first was on 9 May at Grammer Grove W.A. (BPr).

Cape May Warbler: There were 3 reports of single birds: on 4 May at Moorehead P. (PE), on 16 May at Hickory Hill P. (Jose Manaligod fide DRP), and on 22 May at Trumbull L. (LAS).

Yellow-rumped Warbler: The most were 480 at Sweet M. on 4 May (RLC). The last were 3 on 15 May at Hickory Hill P. (DRP).

Blackburnian Warbler: Singles on 11 May were at Ames (HZ) and in Polk Co. (JC). The last was on 22 May at the Coralville Res. (CE).

Yellow-throated Warbler: 1 was at Des Moines on 26 Apr (RIC). The 3 birds at the Coralville Res. on 3 May were only a second Johnson Co. record (THK). A nest was found by Jim Sandrock at Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. on 5 May, and it was still active on 23 May (JLF). There were 1 to 2 at Ledges S.P. on 11-21 May (MPr, JC, DRP, JES).

Pine Warbler: There were 2 reports: One bird arrived on 24 Apr at the Coralville Res. (DRP)[2nd earliest] and 1 was at the Croton Unit of Shimek S.F. on 5 May (JLF).

Prairie Warbler: A male was singing at the Croton Unit of Shimek S.F. on 5-8 May (JLF, CE, RIC).

Palm Warbler: The first was on 22 Apr at Cardinal M. (DeC). A peak of 70 was in Bremer Co. on 4 May (RLC).

Bay-breasted Warbler: The first was a male at Fairfield on 11 May (DCP).

Blackpoll Warbler: The first was 1 on 24 Apr at the Croton Unit of Shimek S.F. (CE)[record earliest]. The peak was 16 on 11 May at Decorah (DeC).

Cerulean Warbler: The first was 1 on 24 Apr at the Croton Unit of Shimek S.F. (CE) and 5 were there on 7 May (CE). A female in Ida Co. on 14 May is unusual for western Iowa (PE). There were 10 other reports of 1 to 4 birds from Van Buren, Hardin, Boone, Marshall, Jones, Johnson, and Allamakee counties.

Black-and-white Warbler: The first was 1 on 21 Apr at Pony Creek P. in Mills Co. (JLF) and 1 was still at Mini-Wakan S.P. on 31 May (SJD).

American Redstart: A male was at Effigy Mounds N.M. on 29 Apr (DeC)[2nd earliest]. There were 60 at L. Macbride and the Coralville Res. on 14 May (CE).

Prothonotary Warbler: The first was 1 on 26 April at Waterworks P. in Des Moines (RIC-details, DCD)[ties earliest]. There were 15 other reports of 1 to 4 birds from throughout the state.

Worm-eating Warbler: 2 were at the Croton Unit of Shimek S.F. on 24 Apr (THK, RIC, CE)[ties 2nd earliest] and there were 1-2 still singing there on 5-23 May (CE, JLF). Singles were at Cone M. on 10 May (PCP) and north of LeClaire on 18 May (DM fide PCP).

Swainson's Warbler: A report is referred to the Records Committee.

Ovenbird: The first were at the Croton Unit of Shimek S.F. on 23-24 Apr (RIC-details, CE). The most were 20 in Appanoose Co. on 14 May (RLC).

Northern Waterthrush: The first were 3 at the Coralville Res. on 26 Apr (CE). There were 10 at Effigy Mounds N.M. on 10 May (DeC).

Louisiana Waterthrush: 1 was at the Croton Unit of Shimek S.F. on 29 Mar (RIC-details)[record earliest]. In western Iowa, 1 was in Ida Co. on 10 May (PE-details). Ten other reports described 1 to 4 birds in Winneshiek, Van Buren, Boone, Appanoose, and Jones counties.

Kentucky Warbler: There were more reports than usual. The first were 4 at the Croton Unit of Shimek S.F. on 5 May (JLF). The most were 6 at Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. on 8 May (CE). In the northern part of the state, singles were in Clay Co. on 11 May (LAS), Yellow River F. on 14 May (FL), and Stone S.P. on 26 May (SJD).

Connecticut Warbler: The only reports were singles at Horse Grove W.A. in Wright Co. on 18 May (MPr-details), Hickory Hill P. on 20 May (JLF), and near Ledges S.P. on 22 May (SJD).

Mourning Warbler: 2 were singing on 30 Apr, at Decorah (DeC)[record earliest]. Others were 1 to 3 from 11 to 23 May in Boone (MPr), Van Buren (JLF), Ida (PE), Polk (JC), and Johnson counties (CE, RJH).

Common Yellowthroat: The first was 1 on 29 Apr in Dickinson Co. (JSi).

Hooded Warbler: Single birds were at Fairfield on 4 May (DCP-details), the Croton Unit of Shimek S.F. on 5-14 May (JLF, CE, RIC), and at Mason City on 8 May, which was the first Cerro Gordo county record (*RGo, CJF).

Wilson's Warbler: The first was on 9 May in Grundy Co. (MPr).

Canada Warbler: The first was at Grammer Grove W.A. on 13 May (MPr).

Yellow-breasted Chat: The only report was 1 south of Polk City on 14 May (PHA/RIA).

Summer Tanager: There were 4 reports: 1-2 at Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. on 5-23 May (JLF), 1 in Louisa Co. on 14 May (PCP), 1 at Brown's Woods in Polk Co. on 22 May (SJD), and 1 at Wildcat Den S.P. on 25 May (EuA/EIA).

Scarlet Tanager: A male was at the Croton Unit of Shimek S.F. on 23 Apr (THK, RIC)[2nd earliest].

Western Tanager: A male was near Swan L. in Johnson Co. on 25-26 Apr (*DLD, *THK, *JLF).

Northern Cardinal: This species was described as spreading from the riparian areas into the towns in northwest Iowa (JV). A partial albino female was at Fairfield on 31 Mar (DCP).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: On 24 Apr, 2 were at the Croton Unit of Shimek S.F. (THK, RIC, CE)[ties 3rd earliest]. Another April record in northern Iowa was 1 at Mason City on the 30th (CJF).

Black-headed Grosbeak: A male was at Big Creek S.P. on 15 May (*EuA/EIA).

Blue Grosbeak: There were 6 in Sioux Co. on 23 May (JV).

Indigo Bunting: The first was 1 on 30 Apr in Polk Co. (JC).

Rufous-sided Towhee: The first was on 10 Apr in Polk Co. (PHA/RIA).

Chipping Sparrow: The first was 1 on 27 Mar north of Iowa City (JLF)[ties 2nd earliest].

Clay-colored Sparrow: This species was widely reported this spring, with the first on 27 Apr at Cardinal M. (DeC). The last was on 14 May at Ledges S.P. (DT).

Field Sparrow: First were 3 on 23 Mar at Waubonsie S.P. (BKP/LJP).

Lark Sparrow: On 18 Apr, 1 was in Warren Co. (AMJ)[ties 3rd earliest].

Lark Bunting: A report is referred to the Records Committee.

Savannah Sparrow: The first was 1 at the Saylorville Res. on 20 Mar (DT).

Henslow's Sparrow: From 2 to 10 were in Van Buren Co. on 5-8 May (JLF CE).

Le Conte's Sparrow: All reports were: 3 at Lakin Sl. on 14 Apr (THK), 1 in Fremont Co. on 16 Apr (THK), 1 at Hendrickson M. on 23 Apr (MPr), 1 near Hawarden on 30 Apr (JV), and 1 at Snake Creek M. on 21 May (SJD-details)[ties 3rd latest].

Sharp-tailed Sparrow: A single bird was seen at Chichaqua W.A. in Polk Co. on 20 May (SJD-details).

Fox Sparrow: Wintering birds were still present on 1 Mar at Sioux Center (JV) and north of Iowa City (JES). The last was on 2 Apr in Polk Co. (JC).

Song Sparrow: An "impressive wave" of migrants was noted on 20 Mar at the Saylorville Res. (DT).

Lincoln's Sparrow: The first was on 10 Apr at Clive (JC).

Swamp Sparrow: The first was on 20 Mar at Moorehead P. (PE).

White-throated Sparrow: The last were 6-8 on 15 May at Woodland Mounds in Warren Co. (JSi).

White-crowned Sparrow: All 7 reports were from May, and noted small numbers of 1 to 7.

Harris' Sparrow: Reports from eastern Iowa were 1 to 3 at L. Meyer in Winneshiek Co. on 6-13 May (DeC) and at Fairfield on 2 May (DCP).

Dark-eyed Junco: The last was 1 on 8 May in Linn Co. (DLD).

Lapland Longspur: Flocks of 200 and 300 were in Louisa and Benton counties on 31 Mar (JLF).

Smith's Longspur: From 31 Mar to 9 Apr, a flock of 10-100 birds was near Cone M. (CE-details, PCP, THK, JLF, DRP, AMJ). There were 4-6 at Secret L. in Fremont Co. on 16-17 Apr (THK, BKP/LJP).

Snow Bunting: 20 were in Kossuth Co. on 2 Mar (MCK).

Bobolink: The first on 8 May were singles at Grammer Grove W.A. (MPr) and Hickory Hill P. (DRP).

Yellow-headed Blackbird: The first was on 8 Apr in Monona Co. (PE).

Rusty Blackbird: The first were 5 on 5 Mar in Warren Co (AMJ). There were 200 in Lyon Co. on 23 Mar (JV). The last was 1 at Otter Creek M. on 17 Apr (DRP).

Brewer's Blackbird: 2 were in Louisa Co. on 7 Apr (PCP) and 1 was in Tama Co. on 9 Apr (AMJ).

Great-tailed Grackle: This species has greatly expanded its population. There were 19 reports, all from wetland areas in the western third of the state. Birds also arrived earlier than ever, with 10 at L. Manawa on 5 Mar, and 36 there on 11 Mar (BKP/LJP)[record earliest]. Also early were 2 at Blue L. on 24 Mar (*PE)[3rd earliest]. Other large groups were 10 at Goose L. in Greene Co. on 17 May (JJD) and 15 at Blue L. on 29 May (SJD). Five nests were at Blue L. (PE), and nestbuilding was noted on 29 May at Dan Green Sl. (SJD).

Orchard Oriole: The first was 1 on 5 May in Lee Co. (JLF). Eight other reports described 1-2 birds throughout the state.

Northern Oriole: The first were 1-2 on 24 Apr at the Croton Unit of Shimek S.F. (THK, RIC, CE).

Purple Finch: The last was 1 at Lamb's Grove in Jasper Co. on 1 May (GJB).

White-winged Crossbill: An imm. male was at a feeder in East Davenport on 27 Apr (Mr. Cheney-photo seen by PCP)

Common Redpoll: Singles were at feeders in Liscomb on 8 Mar (MPr) and Sioux Center on 18 Mar (JV).

Pine Siskin: There were 6 May sightings: 2 were acting territorial on 22 May on the I.S.U. campus at Ames (PCP) and 2 were still at Algona on 24 May (MCK).

Evening Grosbeak: There were 5 at the Schoff feeder in Linn Co. south of Mt. Vernon on 12 Mar (JLF, JES). A male was at the John King feeder in Marshalltown on 6 May (Betty Savage fide MPr).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow: A bird that spent the winter at the Geyer feeder near Oxford in Johnson Co. stayed until 15 May (Shirley Geyer fide JLF).

COMMENT

The database totaled 1557 reports from 45 observers, and five others provided documentations only.

Most reports were received by the 5th, but a few were up to a week late. Most observers submitted details or documentations for rare birds, and those seen on early and late dates. There were a few that did not, and those records were not included in the report. Only those individuals who contributed the report were cited, not others who were present.

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