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SEASON: MARCH, APRIL, MAY 1996 ALL SIGHTINGS AT HOME UNLESS NOTED.

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH AT LEAST 1 REGULARLY AT HOME FROM SEPT 11 UNTIL
MARCH 2, THEN AGAIN ON MARCH 22. ONE SEEN AT A
FEEDER AT JESTER PARK ON MAY 8TH.

PURPLE FINCH (FEB 14), MARCH 15, APRIL 5, APRIL 7,9,10 SOMETIMES
MALE, SOMETIMES FEMALE OR IMMATURE.

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW AT LEAST 1 AND SOMETIMES 2 ALL THROUGH THE WINTER,
EVEN THROUGH THE JANUARY STORMS, BUT HAD UP TO 3
DOZEN FROM APRIL 10 FOR A FEW WEEKS INCLUDING UP TO
MAY 13TH.

MARCH 24TH - RAIN, HAIL, SNOW, HIGH WINDS

FOX SPARROW 2 MARCH 25

HARRIS' SPARROW MARCH 25 SEVERAL DIFF THRU SPRING WITH 3 AT ONCE

TREE SPARROW MARCH 25

STILL LOTS OF JUNCOS MARCH 25

RUSTY BLACKBIRDS 16 MARCH 25

PINE SISKINS MARCH 26

CHIPPING SPARROWS 2 APRIL 12

BROWN CREEPER APRIL 13

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET APRIL 13

PURPLE MARTINS 3 APRIL 13

BIG CREEK STATE PARK

COMMON SNIPES - LOTS APRIL 13

BIG CREEK AND SAYLORVILLE LAKE

BROWN THRASHER APRIL 14

LINCOLN'S SPARROW APRIL 21

STAYED (2) UNTIL MAY 12

MAY 12

EASTERN TOWHEE MALE APRIL 24

EASTERN TOWHEE FEMALE APRIL 25

CLAY-COLORED SPARROWS MAY 1 AND MAY 2 - THREE BIRDS, EVEN ON FEEDER, HOME
ALSO HAD SOME AT LEDGES ON MAY 11TH.

HOUSE WREN MAY 6 LATE

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW MAY 7 THROUGH
MAY 16 2-3 INDIVIDUALS

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK MAY 8 MALE AT THE FEEDER

OVENBIRDS MAY 9, HOME
SAW 1-2 FREQUENTLY AROUND THE HOUSE THROUGH
MAY 16

BALTIMORE ORIOLES MAY 10, AS MANY AS 8 ON FEEDERS, EVEN IN THE BOX
FEEDER WHICH HAD SAFFLOWER SEEDS (MORE THAN ONCE).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAKS, 4 ON MAY 10, 8 ON MAY 11, 12 ON MAY 12, 13 ON
MAY 16

✓ GOLDEN PLOVERS MAY 12 50 AT ERRINGTON MARSH (ANKENY PONDS)

BOBOLINKS MAY 12 AT HARRIER MARSH AND ERRINGTON MARSH

WILSON'S PHALAROPES MAY 12 FIVE AT HARRIER MARSH (OGDEN)

VEERY MAY 12 AT LEDGES

BROAD-WINGED HAWK MAY 12 AT LEDGES

PALM WARBLERS MAY 12 AT LEDGES - SEVERAL

WATERTHRUSHES MAY 12 AND 13 SEEMED TO BE EVERYWHERE

✓ HARRIS' SPARROWS MAY 13 THREE AT HOME

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER MAY 13 BROOKSIDE PARK, AMES, VERY COLD DAY

MAGNOLIA "

BLACK-THROATED GREEN "

KENTUCKY WARBLERS MAY 19 EVERYWHERE AT SHIMEK, ESTIMATES OF 8-14

HOODED WARBLER MAY 19 SUE SPIEKER HAD ONE AT BROWN'S WOODS, DM

MOURNING WARBLER MAY 22 GREENBELT PARK, CLIVE

CHESTNUT-SIDED MAY 22 "

ORANGE-CROWNED MAY 22 "

ORCHARD ORIOLE MAY 22 " 1ST YEAR MALE

NORTHERN CARDINAL MAY 22 " YOUNG OUT OF THE NEST, FLYING, BEING FED

WILSON'S MAY 26 HOME

MOURNING WARBLER MAY 29 HOME, BUT PAM ALLEN HAD A CONNECTICUT

THREE PEREGRINE FALCONS HATCHED THE WEEK OF MAY 20TH AT AMERICAN REPUBLIC IN
DOWNTOWN DM ACCORDING TO PAT SCHLARBAUM, IDNR WILDLIFE DIVERSITY STAFF.

*OVENBIRDS AND WATERTHRUSHES WERE NUMEROUS THIS SPRING, BUT OTHER WARBLERS
WERE FAR AND FEW BETWEEN FOR ME EXCEPT THE KENTUCKY WARBLERS AT SHIMEK.
I HEARD THERE WERE DOZENS - HUNDREDS, EVEN, AT SPRINGBROOK AND A LITTLE PARK
CALLED ROBINSON'S ACRES NEAR MAXWELL, AND MARK AND BETH HAD THOUSANDS? AT
GRAMMER GROVE. GROSBEAKS AND ORIOLES SEEMED DESPERATE FOR FOOD WHEN THEY
FINALLY GOT HERE.

ONE FEMALE GROSBEAK WAS QUITE BUFFY ORANGE AND ONE HAD A CLEAR CENTER BREAST
WITH FINE STREAKS ON THE SIDES. MALES WERE ALL OBVIOUSLY ROSE-BREASTED, BUT
IN SEVERAL PLUMAGES.