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COUNTY: Linn, Johnson, Iowa, Allamakee Co.

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(17-18 MAR 1996)
(17 May 1996)

WEATHER/HABITAT, ACCIDENTAL SPP. DESCRIBED AT END OF REPORT

SPECIES	FIRST DATE	LAST DATE	MAX. DATE (NO)	LOCATION-COMMENT-OBSERVERS
Common Loon	7 APR	5 May		Johnson, Linn Co
Pied-billed Grebe	17 MAR	17 May	8 APR (38)	Pleasant Creek L Linn Co
✓ Horned Grebe	7 APR	7 APR	(1)	Lake Macbride - Johnson Co
Red-necked Grebe				
✓ Eared Grebe	28 APR	28 APR	(5)	Amana L. - Iowa Co
Western Grebe				
Am. White Pelican	14 APR	21 APR	21 APR (80)	Coralville Res Johnson Co
Double-crstd Cormor.	24 MAR	26 May		24 MAR - 1 Coralville Res Johnson Co
✓ American Bittern	6 May	6 May		→ one flushed from a field Pleasant Creek S.P. Linn Co
Least Bittern				
Great Blue Heron	1 APR	26 May		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee
Great Egret	22 APR	19 May		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee Co
Snowy Egret				
Little Blue Heron				
Cattle Egret				
Green Heron	5 May	5 May		Johnson Co
Blk-crnd Night-Heron				
Ylw-crnd Night-Heron				
White-faced Ibis				
Ibis spp.				
Tundra Swan				
Mute Swan				
Gr. White-frntd-Goose				
Snow Goose	7 APR	14 APR	14 APR (7)	Swan L Johnson Co
Ross' Goose				
Canada Goose	3 MAR	17 May		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee Co, Iowa Co
Wood Duck	7 APR	17 May		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee, Iowa Co
Green-winged Teal	17 MAR	21 APR		Linn, Johnson, Iowa Co
✓ American Black Duck	3 MAR	13 APR	10 MAR (5)	(5) Cedar L Cedar Rapids Linn Co
Mallard	3 MAR	31 May		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee, Iowa Co
Northern Pintail	10 MAR	21 APR		Linn, Johnson, Iowa Co
Blue-winged Teal	17 MAR	17 May		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee, Iowa Co

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Cinnamon Teal				
Northern Shoveler	17 MAR	6 MAY		LINN, JOHNSON, IOWA Co
Gadwall	11 MAR	5 MAY		LINN, JOHNSON, IOWA Co
American Wigeon	10 MAR	21 APR		LINN, JOHNSON, IOWA Co
Canvasback	10 MAR	28 APR		LINN, JOHNSON, IOWA Co
Redhead	10 MAR	28 APR		LINN, JOHNSON, IOWA Co
Ring-necked Duck	11 MAR	28 APR		LINN, JOHNSON, IOWA Co
✓ Greater Scaup	17 MAR	17 MAR	2 ♂	details on last page, Pleasant Crk. L Linn Co
Lesser Scaup	3 MAR	6 MAY		LINN, JOHNSON, IOWA Co
Oldsquaw				
Black Scoter				
Surf Scoter				
White-winged Scoter				
Common Goldeneye	3 MAR	1 APR		LINN Co
Bufflehead	11 MAR	22 APR		LINN, JOHNSON, IOWA Co
✓ Hooded Merganser	3 MAR	8 APR	10 MAR (35)	→ Cedar L. - Cedar Rapids Linn Co
Common Merganser	17 MAR	7 APR		LINN, JOHNSON Co
Red-brstd Merganser	17 MAR	5 MAY	17 MAR - CEDAR L.	LINN, JOHNSON, IOWA Co
Ruddy Duck	17 MAR	6 MAY		LINN, JOHNSON, IOWA Co
Turkey Vulture	18 MAR	26 MAY	18 MAR (3)	→ Indian Crk. Nature Trails Cedar Rapids Linn Co
Osprey	28 APR	6 MAY	6 MAY (1)	→ Pleasant Crk. Lake Linn Co
Bald Eagle	17 MAR	17 MAY		LINN, JOHNSON, ALLAMAKEE, IOWA
Northern Harrier	11 MAR	11 MAR		JOHNSON Co
Sharp-shinned Hawk	7 APR	5 MAY		JOHNSON Co
Cooper's Hawk	5 MAY	6 MAY		LINN Co, JOHNSON Co
Northern Goshawk				
Accipiter spp.	6 MAY	6 MAY		LINN Co
✓ Red-shouldered Hawk	18 MAR	18 MAR		Palisades-Kepler S.P. Linn Co
Broad-winged Hawk				
Swainson's Hawk				
Red-tailed Hawk	3 MAR	27 MAY		LINN, JOHNSON, ALLAMAKEE Co
Ferruginous Hawk				
Rough-legged Hawk	17 MAR	17 MAR		LINN Co
Golden Eagle				
American Kestrel	10 MAR	27 MAY		LINN, JOHNSON Co
Merlin				
Peregrine Falcon				
Prairie Falcon				
✓ Gray Partridge	1 APR	5 MAY	5 MAY (2)	- SW Linn Co, 1 APR (one) NW Linn Co
Ring-necked Pheasant	3 MAR	27 MAY		LINN, JOHNSON Co

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Ruffed Grouse				
Wild Turkey				
✓ Northern Bobwhite	14 APR	27 May		LINN, Johnson Co
Yellow Rail				
King Rail				
Virginia Rail				
Sora	17 May	17 May		Pool Slough - Allamakee Co
Common Moorhen				
American Coot	3 MAR	19 May		3 Mar - Cedar L Linn Co
Sandhill Crane				
Black-bellied Plover				
Lesser Gldn-Plover				
✓ Semipalmated Plover	17 May	17 May		Pool Slough - Allamakee Co
Piping Plover				
Killdeer	17 MAR	27 May		LINN, Johnson, Iowa, Allamakee Co
American Avocet				
Greater Yellowlegs	8 APR	5 May		LINN, Johnson Co
Lesser Yellowlegs	30 MAR	6 May		LINN, Johnson Co
Solitary Sandpiper				
Willet				
Spotted Sandpiper				
Upland Sandpiper				
Whimbrel				
Hudsonian Godwit				
Marbled Godwit				
Ruddy Turnstone				
Sanderling				
Semipalm. Sandpiper	17 May	17 May	(35)	Pool Slough Allamakee Co
Western Sandpiper				
Least Sandpiper	17 May	17 May	(4)	Pool Slough Allamakee Co
Wht-rmpd Sandpiper	17 May	17 May	(3)	Pool Slough Allamakee Co
Baird's Sandpiper				
Pectoral Sandpiper	21 APR	21 APR		Johnson Co
Dunlin	17 May	17 May	(25)	Pool Slough Allamakee Co
Stilt Sandpiper	17 May	17 May	(14)	Pool Slough Allamakee Co
Buff-brstd Sandpiper				
Short-bld Dowitcher				
Long-bld Dowitcher				
Dowitcher spp.				

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Common Snipe	24 MAR	14 APR		Linn, Johnson Co
American Woodcock				
Wilson's Phalarope				
Red-necked Phalarope				
Franklin's Gull				
Bonaparte's Gull	13 APR	5 May		Linn, Johnson Co
Ring-billed Gull	11 MAR	26 May		Johnson, Linn Co
Herring Gull	7 APR	13 APR		Johnson, Linn Co
Glaucous Gull				
Blk-legged Kittiwake				
Caspian Tern				
Common Tern				
Forster's Tern				
Least Tern				
Black Tern	6 May	17 May	6 May (35) -	Pleasant Creek L Linn Co
Rock Dove	1 MAR	31 May		Linn, Johnson Co abundant
Mourning Dove	1 MAR	31 May		Linn, Johnson, Iowa, Allamakee Co
Black-billed Cuckoo				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				
Common Barn-Owl				
Eastern Screech-Owl				
Great Horned Owl	11 MAR	21 APR		Johnson Co
Snowy Owl				
Burrowing Owl				
Barred Owl	3 MAR	22 APR		Linn, Johnson Co
Long-eared Owl				
Short-eared Owl				
Northern Saw-whet Owl				
Common Nighthawk	17 May	31 May		Linn, Allamakee
Chuck-will's-widow				
Whip-poor-will				
Chimney Swift	5 May	31 May		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee Co
Ruby-thrt'd Humming.	11 May	17 May		Linn, Johnson Co
Belted Kingfisher	7 APR	17 May		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee Co
Red-headed Woodpecker	5 May	19 May		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee Co
Red-blld Woodpecker	3 MAR	20 May		common
Yellow-blld Sapsuck.	21 APR	17 May		Johnson, Allamakee Co
Downy Woodpecker	1 MAR	31 May		common
Hairy Woodpecker	17 MAR	14 APR		Linn, Johnson Co
Northern Flicker	11 MAR	19 May		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee Co

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Pileated Woodpecker				
Olive-sided Flycatch.				
Eastern Wood-Pewee	19 May	26 May		Linn, Johnson Co
✓ Yllw-blld Flycatcher	17 May	17 May		Allamakee Co - Pool Slough
Acadian Flycatcher				
Alder Flycatcher				
Willow Flycatcher				
Least Flycatcher	17 May	26 May		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee Co
<u>Empidonax</u> spp.				
Eastern Phoebe	8 APR	27 May		Linn, Johnson Co
Say's Phoebe				
Grt Crstd Flycatcher	19 May	26 May		Linn, Johnson Co
Western Kingbird				
Eastern Kingbird				
Scissor-tld Flycatch.				
Horned Lark	3 MAR	6 May		Linn, Johnson Co
Purple Martin	17 May	17 May		Allamakee Co
Tree Swallow	8 APR	27 May		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee, Iowa Co
N. Rough-wngd Swallow	21 APR	17 May		Johnson, Allamakee Co
Bank Swallow	28 APR	17 May		Johnson, Allamakee Co
Cliff Swallow				
Barn Swallow	21 APR	27 May		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee, Iowa Co
Blue Jay	1 MAR	31 May		common
American Crow	1 MAR	31 May		common
Black-capped Chickad.	1 MAR	31 May		common
Tufted Titmouse	10 MAR	26 May		Linn, Johnson Co
✓ Red-breasted Nuthatch	14 APR	17 May	14 APR - Hawkeye Wildlife Area Johnson Co, 17 May - Yellow River S.F.	
White-brstd Nuthatch	1 MAR	26 May		common
Brown Creeper	8 APR	14 APR		
Carolina Wren				
Bewick's Wren				
House Wren	5 May	31 May		common
✓ Winter Wren	14 APR	5 May		5 May - Hawkeye Wildlife Area Johnson Co
Sedge Wren	20 May	27 May		Linn Co
Marsh Wren				
Golden-crwnd Kinglet	14 APR	14 APR		Johnson Co
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	8 APR	5 May		5 May -- Coralville Res Johnson Co
Blue-gray Gnatcatch.	5 May	19 May		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee Co
Eastern Bluebird	10 MAR	27 May	10 MAR (4) →	Wikiup Hill N.A. Linn Co
Townsend's Solitaire				

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Veery				
Gray-cheeked Thrush				
Swainson's Thrush	11 May	27 May		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee Co
Hermit Thrush	14 APR	26 APR		Hawkeye Wildlife Area Johnson Co
Wood Thrush				
American Robin	10 MAR	31 May		common
Varied Thrush				
Gray Catbird	5 May	31 May		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee Co
N. Mockingbird				
Brown Thrasher	8 APR	27 May		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee Co
American Pipit				
Bohemian Waxwing				
Cedar Waxwing	11 Mar	27 Mar		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee Co
N. Shrike				
Loggerhead Shrike	6 May	6 May	(one)	WC Linn Co
Shrike spp.				
European Starling	1 MAR	31 May		abundant
White-eyed Vireo				
Bell's Vireo	19 May	19 May		NW Johnson Co
Solitary Vireo	17 May	19 May		Allamakee, Johnson Co
Yellow-thrt'd Vireo	19 May	26 May		Johnson, Linn Co
Warbling Vireo	17 May	30 May		Allamakee, Johnson, Linn
Philadelphia Vireo	26 May	26 May		Lake Macbride Johnson Co
Red-eyed Vireo	17 May	27 May		Allamakee, Johnson, Linn
Blue-winged Warbler	17 May	17 May		Yellow River S.F. - Allamakee Co
Gold.-winged Warbler	17 May	17 May		Yellow River S.F. - Allamakee Co
Tennessee Warbler	17 May	26 May		26 May - Lake Macbride Johnson Co
Orange-crwn'd Warbler	21 APR	17 May	21 APR -	Hawkeye Wildlife Area Johnson Co 17 May - Yellow River S.F.
Nashville Warbler	17 May	17 May		Yellow River S.F. - Allamakee Co
Northern Parula	17 May	17 May		Yellow River S.F. - Allamakee Co
Yellow Warbler	17 May	20 May		Allamakee, Linn Co
Chestnut-s'dd Warbler	17 May	20 May		Allamakee, Linn Co
Magnolia Warbler	17 May	26 May		Allamakee, Johnson Co
Cape May Warbler	17 May	17 May		Yellow River S.F. - Allamakee Co
Blk-thrt Blue Warbler				
Yellow-rumped Warbler	14 APR	20 May		20 May - Matsell Bridge N.A. Linn Co
Blk-thrt'd Green Warb.	26 May	26 May		Johnson Co
Blackburnian Warbler	17 May	17 May		Yellow River S.F. - Allamakee Co
Yellow-thrt'd Warbler				
Pine Warbler				

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Prairie Warbler				
Palm Warbler	5 May	17 May		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee Co
Bay-brstd Warbler				
Blackpoll Warbler	17 May	17 May		Yellow River S.F. - Allamakee Co
Cerulean Warbler	17 May	17 May		Yellow River S.F. - Allamakee Co
Black-&-white Warbler	5 May	17 May		Johnson, Allamakee Co
American Redstart	17 May	27 May		Allamakee, Linn Co
Prothonotary Warbler				
Worm-eating Warbler				
Ovenbird	17 May	26 May		Allamakee, Johnson Co
Northern Waterthrush	17 May	17 May		Pool Slough, Yellow River S.F. - Allamakee Co
Louisiana Waterthrush				
Kentucky Warbler				
Connecticut Warbler				
Mourning Warbler				
Common Yellowthroat	17 May	27 May		Allamakee, Johnson, Linn Co common
Hooded Warbler				
Wilson's Warbler	17 May	17 May		Yellow River S.F. - Allamakee Co
Canada Warbler	17 May	17 May		Yellow River S.F. - Allamakee Co
Yellow-breasted Chat				
Summer Tanager				
Scarlet Tanager	26 May	26 May		Lake Macbride Johnson Co
Northern Cardinal	1 MAR	31 May		common
Rose-brstd Grosbeak	5 May	26 May		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee Co
Blue Grosbeak				
Indigo Bunting	19 May	27 May		Linn, Johnson Co
Dickcissel	19 May	27 May		Linn, Johnson Co
Rufous-sided Towhee	8 APR	26 May		8 APR Pleasant Crk R.A. - Linn Co -- early
American Tree Sparrow	1 MAR	14 APR		Linn, Johnson Co
Chipping Sparrow	14 APR	31 May		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee Co
Clay-colored Sparrow				
Field Sparrow	14 APR	27 May		14 APR -- Hawkeye Wildlife Area Johnson Co
Vesper Sparrow	30 MAR	27 May		30 MAR - Coralville Res Johnson Co -- early
Lark Sparrow	21 APR	5 May		21 APR - Hawkeye Wildlife Area Johnson Co -- early
Lark Bunting				
Savannah Sparrow	14 APR	27 May		Linn, Johnson Co
Grasshopper Sparrow	28 APR	27 May		28 APR - NW Johnson Co singing in a grass field
Henslow's Sparrow	20 May	20 May		singing then observed in a wet meadow at Pleasant Creek R.A.
Le Conte's Sparrow				
Sharp-tld Sparrow				

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Fox Sparrow	18 MAR	8 APR		Linn, Johnson Co
Song Sparrow	17 MAR	31 May		Common
Lincoln's Sparrow	17 May	20 May		Allamakee, Linn Co
Swamp Sparrow	1 APR	5 May		Linn and Johnson Co
White-thrtd Sparrow	24 MAR	6 May		Linn, Johnson Co
White-crnd Sparrow	24 MAR	22 APR	24 MAR (3) →	Hawkeye Wildlife Area Johnson Co
Harris' Sparrow	28 APR	2 May	one visited backyard feeders on 28, 29, 30 Apr - 2 May	Cedar Rapids Linn Co
Dark-eyed Junco	1 MAR	21 APR		21 APR - Coralville Res Johnson Co
Lapland Longspur				
Smith's Longspur				
Chestnut-cld Longspur				
Snow Bunting				
Bobolink	17 May	27 May		Allamakee, Linn Co
Red-winged Blackbird	3 MAR	31 May		Common
Eastern Meadowlark	17 MAR	27 May		Linn, Johnson Co
Western Meadowlark	17 MAR	27 May		Linn, Johnson Co
Meadowlark spp.				
Yellow-hdd Blackbird				
Rusty Blackbird				
Brewer's Blackbird				
Common Grackle	3 MAR	31 May		Common
Great-tailed Grackle				
Brown-headed Cowbird	3 MAR	27 May		Common
Orchard Oriole				
BALTIMORE Oriole	17 May	27 May		Linn, Johnson, Allamakee Co
Pine Grosbeak				
Purple Finch	8 APR	9 May	9 May 1	female - feeders Cedar Rapids Linn
House Finch	1 MAR	31 May		Common
Red Crossbill				
White-winged Crossbill				
Common Redpoll				
✓ Pine Siskin	18 MAR	18 May	18 MAR (2)	Indian CRK NATURE TRAILS SE CEDAR RAPIDS Linn Co
American Goldfinch	1 MAR	31 May		Linn, Johnson Co rather difficult to locate at times
Evening Grosbeak				
House Sparrow	1 MAR	31 May		abundant

WEATHER/HABITAT:

ACCIDENTAL SPECIES:

17 MAR 1996 2 male Greater Scaup Pleasant Creek Lake - Linn Co.

Head shape was the only useful field mark and was compared to the Lesser Scaup that were in the immediate vicinity. Both species appeared relaxed and were swimming on the lake surface. They were observed at close range, (approx. 35 yds.) using a zoom scope.

The highest part of the crown on head of the Greater's was towards the front and was smooth. The Lesser's was towards the rear and came to a visible point.

Observing both species after a dive, the peak on the Greater's remained smooth. Where as, the Lesser's crown came to a point briefly after surfacing.