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Iowa Spring Bird Report - 1994

Common Loon 1 -4/6; 1 -4/22

Pied-billed Grebe 2 -3/13- Forney Lake, Fremont; 52 -4/6-
Manawa (peak #);

Eared Grebe - 2 -4/6- Manawa; 3 -4/16- Manawa (only ones
seen this spring)

Amer. White Pelican - 170 -3/31- Riverton; 200 -5/13- Forney

Dbl. crested Cormorant - 6 -3/31- Forney; 92 -5/13- Forney

Cattle Egret - 1 -5/13- Forney Lake

Great Egret - 6 -4/16- east of Manawa; 5 -5/13- Forney;

White-fronted Goose - 100 -3/5- Forney Lake; 50 -3/31-
hunting lake west of Waubonsie;

Ross' Goose - 2 -3/13- Forney Lake; 3 -4/16- ^{hunting}~~hunting~~ lake
west of Waubonsie (we call it Secret Pond)

Green-wing. Teal - 6 -3/13- Manawa

Amer. Wigeon - 2 -3/5- Forney Lake

Ring-necked Duck - 21 -3/5- Pacific Junction, Mills;
245 -3/13- IPL ponds, Pottawattamie;

Redhead - 103 -3/11- Manawa

Canvasback - 250 -3/8- Manawa; 100 -3/13- Manawa; 115 -3/13-
IPL ponds;

Bufflehead - 3 -3/5- Pacific Junction;

Hooded Merganser - 5 -3/8- IPL pond;

Red-breasted Merganser - 1 -3/13- Manawa; 5 -4/12- Manawa

Ruddy Duck - 1 -3/15- Manawa; 60 -3/24- Manawa;

Turkey Vulture - 6 -3/23- Waubonsie State Park

Bald Eagle - 62 -3/13- Manawa (peak #); 1 adult -5/15-
Forney Lake

Golden Eagle - 1 immature -3/23- Waubonsie; we saw a golden nape, a broad, black terminal band on the tail, white at base of tail, & large white windows at wrists.

Osprey - 1 -4/16- Manawa; 1 -4/20- Manawa;

Northern Harrier - 2 -3/23- Waubonsie

Broad-winged Hawk - 4 -4/16- Waubonsie; 1 -5/13- Waubonsie;
1 -5/15- Waubonsie

Cooper's Hawk - 1 -3/23 - Waubonsie; 1 -4/16- Waubonsie

No. Goshawk - 1 -3/23- Waubonsie - we studied this bird through a 25x scope as it flew east across the ridge & then turned & circled back. It was a heavy bodied accipiter with a pronounced white eye-brow & a large amount of white visible on the sides. It had a strong, direct flight with a slower wingbeat than Sharp-shinned or Cooper's.

Sharp-shinned Hawk -3 -3/23- Waubonsie; 6 -3/31- Waubonsie;
4 -4/16- Waubonsie

Red-tailed Hawk - 39 -3/23- Waubonsie; 16 -3/31- Waubonsie;
4 -4/16- Waubonsie

Swainson's Hawk - approx. 150 -4/16- roosting in trees at Waubonsie; they lifted off about 9:15 & kettled over the hills, & finally flew north into a strong northwest wind.

Killdeer - 2 -3/5- Pottawattamie;

Piping Plover - 6 -4/22- IPL ponds; 3 -5/29- IPL ponds

Semi-palmated Plover - 11 -5/15- Riverton

Amer. Avocet - 1 -4/15- IPL; 1 -4/16- Riverton

Hudsonian Godwit - 5 -4/16- Riverton; 1 -5/15- Riverton

Gr. Yellowlegs - 3 -3/31- Riverton; 8 -4/16- Riverton

Baird's Sandpiper - 8 -4/16- Fremont

Pectoral Sandpiper - 1 -3/31- Riverton; 12 -5/15- Riverton;

Least Sandpiper - 10 -5/15- Riverton; 6 -5/28- IPL

White-rumped Sandpiper - 21- 5/15- Riverton; 20 -5/20- Onawa,
south Blue Lake; 4 -5/29- IPL

Semi-palmated Sand. - 10 -5/25- IPL

Ruddy Turnstone - 14 - 5/25- IPL

Franklin's Gull - 1 -3/19- Manawa; 173 -5/25- IPL; 162 -5/25-
Manawa; 61 -5/29- IPL

Bonaparte's Gull - 2 -4/6- Manawa; 44 -4/12- Manawa; 72 -
4/20- Manawa; 10 -4/22- Manawa

Ring-billed Gull -4 -3/5- IPL; 2000 -4/6- Manawa (peak);
3 -5/29- IPL

Least Tern - 2 -5/22- IPL; 3 -5/28- IPL

Forster's Tern - 12 -4/20- Manawa

Caspian Tern - 1 -5/13- IPL; 6 -5/28- IPL; 2 -5/29- IPL

Barred Owl - 2 -3/31- Waubonsie

Tree Swallow - 1 -3/19- Manawa

Red-br. Nuthatch - 1 ~~4~~/16- Waubonsie

Carolina Wren - 1 -5/13- Waubonsie

Winter Wren - 1 -3/23- Waubonsie

Kentucky Warbler 2 -5/13- Waubonsie

Field Sparrow 3 -3/23- Waubonsie

Vesper Sparrow 6 -4/16- Fremont

Smith's Longspur - 4 -4/16- Fremont

Great-tailed Grackle - 10 -3/5- Manawa; 36 -3/11- Manawa;
1 -5/22- IPL