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Dear Tom -

I hope you can read my handwriting. We're riding in an airplane to South Texas and it is a little bumpy. Since field Reports are due, I'm ~~not~~ afraid you'll be getting ours in an abbreviated form.

Period Covered: August through November 1994.

Observer's: Pam & Reid Allen (unless ~~not~~ otherwise noted) ^{1601 PLEASANT ST., WEST DES MOINES}

* Photo Enclosed: Long-tailed Jaeger - Sac Co., Tomahawk Marsh, taken by Reid on September 5 at 10:38 am.

DATE	LOCATION	SPECIES
Aug. 13	FREMONT CO. - SHELDON BASIN	1 WILLET
"	"	1 SNOWY EGRET (IMMATURE W/ TWO-TONE LEGS + YELLOW-GREEN FEET BILL BLACK)
"	"	7 LITTLE BLUE HERON (1 CALICO IMMATURE 5 WHITE IMMATURES 1 ADULT)
Aug. 13	POTTAWATTAMIE CO. - IPL (MIDWEST POWER) SOUTH POND	1 BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER (JUVENILE)
"	" " " "	4 LEAST TERNS
Aug. 26	POLK CO. - 1601 PLEASANT ST., WDM	MILLIONS + MILLIONS OF BUGS FLYING HIGH UP IN SKY (THEY LOOKED LIKE CLOUDS OR WAVES) WITH MANY MIGRATING COMMON NIGHTHAWKS + BATS FEASTING ON THE FLY
Sept. 4	POLK CO. - BIG CREEK STATE PARK	1 COMMON TERN (SHORTER RED LEGS THAN FORSTER'S IN GROUP + DARKER PRIMARIES EVIDENT)
Sept. 5	SAC CO. - TOMAHAWK MARSH	1 LONGTAILED JAEGER (PHOTO ENCLOSED)
Sept. 24	GREENE CO. - SNAKE CREEK MARSH	1 MERLIN 1 LECONTE'S SPARROW
Sept. 27-28	POLK CO. - 1601 PLEASANT ST. - WDM	1 YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER
Oct. 9	STORY CO. - 2 mi E of HWY 65 ON E-29	91 LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER (feeding in bean stubble field)
Nov. 5	POTTAWATTAMIE CO. - LAKE MANAWA	5 WESTERN GREBES (MOST WE'VE SEEN AT ONE TIME IN IOWA FOR BOTH SPECIES)
"	"	16 HORNED GREBES

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Nov. 5	CASS CO. - LAKE ANITA	1 SURF SCOTER	(female - dark brown w/ big bill + 2 face patches which were light; when flying the wings were all the same color w/ no white patches)
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"	"	"	"
Nov. 11-14	POLK CO. - 1601 PLEASANT ST - W.D.M.	1 ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK	(this first fall female gave us a thrill 'cause we thought maybe it was a Black-headed Grosbeak; however, the fine + heavy streaking across the breast convinced us otherwise. Reid did get some great photos if you would like to see them)
Nov. 12	MARION CO. - LAKE RED ROCK MARINA	6 SNOW BUNTING	
Nov. 19	ALLAMAKEE CO. - YELLOW RIVER FOREST	2 RUFFED GROUSE	(they "shot" out of the pines as we were walking down the trail from the fire tower; their banded tails with the darker end band was very prominent)
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"	"	1 GOLDEN EAGLE	(this immature ♀ bird was cruising just over the sawmill with its "wing windows" and light tail + back tail band)

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NOV. 24	POLK CO. - SAYLORVILLE RES.	1 WESTERN GREEBE
NOV. 28	POLK CO. - JOHNSTON, IA CROWN POINT	1 BARROW'S GOLDENEYE ↳ (THIS adult ^{MALE} that we viewed was really neat to see with its shorter, stubbier bill and black "port holes" in the wing. The head was much more rounded in back + the forehead was vertical. The facial crescents were neat to see also.)

There were 2 birds but we only saw the adult. These birds were first found by JERRY JANCK, Des Moines Audubon member on Nov. 27