

FIELD REPORTS

March 1 through May 31, 1994

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NOTE: In the "OBSERVERS" column, if there is an * after the name, this designates the person who FIRST made the observation.

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVERS
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American Bittern	1	May 8	Hamilton Co., Anderson Lake	P & R Allen
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Yellow-Crowned Night-Heron	1	April 20	Forney Lake	P & R Allen
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NOTE: Photo by Reid I. Allen enclosed of this breeding male.

Common Moorhen	1	May 8	Story Co., Tieg's Marsh	P & R Allen
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NOTE: We have missed this bird in the past, so it was nice to find this bird with it's bright red bill and white side striping puttering around in the marsh.

Marbled Godwit	20	May 15	Lakin Slough, in small ponds just northeast of the middle area	P & R Allen
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NOTE: It was a rare treat to have this flock of 20 circle over our head about 15 feet up in the air, with their cinnamon wing linings and buffy/cinnamon overall coloration, with no black and white rump and tail markings. They were calling over and over to each other and finally settled down on a pond where a Hudsonian Godwit was resting. It didn't pay any attention to these birds but after we left the area, the flock of 20 Marbled Godwits was circling and calling again and straggling along behind was the smaller Hudsonian Godwit.

Bonaparte's Gull	1	April 2	Cone Marsh	P & R Allen
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Northern Flicker (red-shafted form)	1	Mar 26	Madison Co., 4 miles south of Booneville	P & R Allen
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Western Kingbird	4	May 27	Des Moines, State Capitol Bldg.	P & R Allen
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NOTE: There were two pairs chattering and chasing each other over the south grounds of the Capitol complex, with their bright yellow bellies and outer white tail feathers.

Brown Thrasher	1	April 8	Cone Marsh	P Allen * Jim Fuller
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Mourning Warbler	1	May 14	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	P & R Allen
Yellow-Breasted Chat	1	May 14	Saylorville Res., just west of Casey's at bike trail parking lot	P & R Allen
Rufous-Sided Towhee (Eastern Race)	1	April 10	1601 Pleasant St., WDM	P & R Allen
Field Sparrow	1	April 2	Louisa Co., Mark Twain NWR Hdqtrs. Bldg., near Louisa	P & R Allen
Lark Sparrow	2	May 7	Just east of Swan	P & R Allen

NOTE: On May 7, in our yard at 1601 Pleasant Street, West Des Moines, we had HERMIT THRUSH, GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH and SWAINSON'S THRUSH.