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HORNED GREBE, the first one was still in winter plumage at Blue Lake in Monona County on the 14th of April.

EARED GREBE, the first one was observed at Blue Lake in Monona County on the 14th of April.

WESTERN GREBE, the only one observed was at Blue Lake in Monona County on the 14th of April.

AMERICAN BITTERN, one was observed flying over South Blue Lake on the 19th of May.

GREAT EGRET, A small rookery of two possibly three nests was discovered at South Blue Lake on the 19th of May.

CATTLE EGRET, the first 4 were observed at South Blue Lake in Monona County on the 28th of April.

WHITE FACED IBIS, a bird was discovered by Russ Field on the 3rd of May, the bird was relocated on the 5th and 6th of May at South Blue Lake in Monona County See documentation.

GREATER WHITE FRONTED GOOSE, the first 19 were observed at Blue Lake in Monona County on the 9th of March, the last two were at South Blue Lake on the 19th of May.

SNOW GOOSE, The last 5 were at South Blue Lake on the 27th of May.

ROSS' GOOSE, 17 were observed on the 24th of March at South Blue Lake in Monona County. The birds were smaller than the associated snow geese present, They had a smaller , pushed looking bill.

WOOD DUCK, the first three were observed on the Maple River in Ida County on the 8th of March.

GREEN WINGED TEAL, the first 3 were at Blue Lake in Monona County on the 9th of March.

BLUE WINGED TEAL, the first six were observed in Monona County on the 17th of March.

NORTHERN SHOVELER, the first one was a female at Blue Lake in Monona County on the 10th of March.

GADWALL, the first four were at Blue Lake in Monona County ON the 9th of March.

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AMERICAN WIGEON, the first one was at Blue Lake in Monona County on the 3rd of March.

CANVASBACK, the first 15 were observed at Blue Lake in Monona County on the 9th of March. The last one was a male on the 26th of May at South Blue Lake.

REDHEAD, peak was 59 at Blue Lake in Monona County on the 3rd of March.

BUFFLEHEAD, a female was observed at Blue Lake in Monona County on the 3rd of March.

PEREGRINE FALCON, one was observed sitting in trees on the east shore of South Blue Lake on the 30th of April. Another large falcon with no black axillars was observed hunting shorebirds at South Blue Lake on the 26th of May, impressive sight. Did not observe the black mustache, bird never flew directly at me, however the body size and shape were that of a large falcon, plus the behavior of hunting shorebirds is consistent with this falcon.

GOSHAWK, an immature was observed at Moorehead Park in Ida County on the 8th of March. The above bird was a very large accipiter, was brown above, with blurry streaks across chest and belly running horizontal on the birds body. Tail had dark wavy bands.

RED TAILED HAWK, a Harlan's race immature?, was observed at Moorehead Park in Ida County on the 20th of March. The bird had a black back with some brownish tones, white spots were observed throughout the back. The tail was grayish with several darker bands. *Primary feathers were black, secondary feathers on the ventral side were a silver/gray in color.

COMMON MOOREHEN, One was observed at South Blue Lake in Monona County on the 14th of May by Jerry Probst and Peter Ernzen.

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER, the first 4 were at South Blue lake in Monona County on the 21st of April.

PIPING PLOVER, one was observed at South Blue Lake in Monona County on the 12th of May.

KILLDEER, the first one was observed in Monona County on the 3rd of March.

GREATER YELLOWLEGS, the first one observed was on the 2nd of April in Monona County.

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LESSER YELLOWLEGS, the first one observed was on the 27th of March in Ida County.

WILLET, the first one observed was on the 21st of April at South Blue Lake in Monona County.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT, the first eight were on the 20th of April. The peak was 133 on the 12th of May and the last three were on the 26th of May. All the above sightings were at South Blue Lake in Monona County

MARbled GODWIT, the last two were at South Blue Lake in Monona County on the 12th of May. The observed birds had chestnut colored linings on the wings and barred tails.

RED KNOT, a report has been referred to the records committee. for a bird observed on the 12th of May.

SANDERLING, the only sighting was of 3 at South Blue Lake in Monona County on the 12th of May.

WHITE RUMPED SANDPIPER, the first two were observed at South Blue Lake in Monona County on the 29th of April.

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER, the first 3 were observed in Monona County on the 2nd of April.

PECTORAL SANDPIPER, the first 15 were observed on the 31st of March in Monona County.

DUNLIN, the peak was 5 on the 12th of May at South Blue Lake in Monona county.

STILT SANDPIPER, one was observed at South Blue Lake on the 26th of May.

BUFF BREASTED SANDPIPER, the first one was observed at South Blue Lake in Monona County on the 29th of April. The bird had buff color throughout - chin, around eye, throat, chest, belly, distinctive line/markings on head, neck- speckled pattern on back and wings, and yellow/orange legs. The peak and last were 8/eight birds observed at South Blue Lake on the 20th of May, all eight birds matched the above description of the first bird described.

SHORT BILLED DOWITCHER, the peak was 14 on the 12th of May at South Blue Lake in Monona County. The birds were observed calling tu, tu. The birds had a clean looking reddish throat and neck.

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LONG BILLED DOWITCHER, the first four were seen at South Blue Lake on the 21st of April. The peak was 107 birds at South Blue Lake at Monona County on the 29th of April. The birds were heard calling Keek, all the birds counted had some barring on the neck.

COMMON SNIPE, the first seven were observed on the 24th of March at South Blue Lake in Monona County.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE, the first one was observed at South Blue Lake in Monona County on the 24th of April.

FRANKLIN'S GULL, the first one was observed on the 24th of March flying over one of the many shallow ponds around Blue Lake in Monona County.

HERRING GULL, the first one was observed on the 24th of March at South Blue Lake in Monona County.

COMMON TERN, eight birds were observed at South Blue Lake on the 24th of April. All eight birds exhibited the following characteristics, reddish bill, at the very tip of bill it was black-less black than on the forsters Tern, reddish feet, white tail with dark edges on the outside edge of the forked tail, the tail seemed shorter than the similar Forster's Terns.

WESTERN KINGBIRD, the first two were observed at South Blue lake on the 5th of May.

RED BREASTED NUTHATCH, the last one was seen in a planting of Jack Pines at Lewis and Clark Park in Monona County on the 12th of May.

WINTER WREN, the first two were observed on the 12th of April at Moorehead Park in Ida County.

GOLDEN CROWNED KINGLET, the first one was observed at Moorehead Park in Ida County on the 20th of March.

RUBY CROWNED KINGLET, the one was observed at Moorehead Park in Ida County on the 10th of April.

HERMIT THRUSH, the first one was observed on the 10th of April at Moorehead Park in Ida County.

AMERICAN PIPIT, the first 7 were observed on the 2nd of April, a peak of 21 occurred on the 7th of April, the last one was observed at South Blue lake on the 19th of May. All sightings were in Monona County.

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ORANGE CROWNED WARBLER, the first one was observed at Moorehead Park in Ida County on the 19th of April.

NORTHERN PARULA a male was observed singing at Preparation Canyon in Monona County on the 13th of May.

MAGNOLIA WARBLER, the peak was 6 at Moorehead Park in Ida County on the 14th of May

CAPE MAY WARBLER, a male was observed at Moorehead Park in Ida County on the 4th of May.

YELLOW RUMPED WARBLER, the first one was observed at Moorehead Park in Ida County on the 20th of March.

PALM WARBLER, the first one was at Moorehead Park in Ida County on the 24th of April.

CERULEAN WARBLER, a female was observed at Moorehead Park in Ida County on the 14th of May.

BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER, the first three were observed at Moorehead Park in Ida County on the 26th of April.

OVENBIRD, one was observed on territory (?) at Moorehead Park in Ida County on the 31st of May.

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH, a bird with "bubble gum pink" legs clear throat, even eye stripe was observed at Moorehead Park in Ida County on the 10th of May.

MOURNING WARBLER, the peak was three at Moorehead Park in Ida County on the 14th of May.

SCARLET TANAGER, two males were observed singing at Preparation Canyon in Monona County on the 13th of May.

FOX SPARROW, the first one observed at Moorehead Park in Ida County on the 20th of March.

SWAMP SPARROW, the first one observed at Moorehead Park in Ida County on the 20th of March.

YELLOW HEADED BLACKBIRD, the first ones were observed on the 8 of April in Monona County.

*GREAT TAILED GRACKLE, two were observed on the 24th of March at South Blue Lake, the peak was 11 at the same location in Monona County on the 20th of April. These birds seemed to be

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at all the oxbow lakes in Monona County. Several (5) nests were also observed at South Blue Lake.

NORTHERN ORIOLE, the first one was observed at Moorehead Park in Ida County on the 26th of April.