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Other Observers:

General Notes: Mild autumn until early November, when snow and ice storms were frequent across counties in NW corner of state. Marshes frozen completely by mid-Nov. and all large lakes frozen by Thanksgiving (except for some open water on W. Okoboji & aeriated lakes.) Food supplies mostly encased in layers of ice and snow, with no thawing.

Species	No.	Date	Location--comments--other observers
Great Blue Heron	41	8/1/96	Little Swan Lake, Dickinson Co. (rookery nearby??)
Canvasbacks	abundant	11/5/96	Big Spirit & other large lakes, Dickinson Co.
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	8/8/96	near Alvord, Lyon County.
Cooper's Hawk	1 adult female	9/17/96	at Kettleson Hogsback WMA, Dickinson Co.
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Swainson's Hawk	1	10/25/96	LATE, along Little Sioux River, Dickinson County.
Krider's Red-tailed Hawk	1	9/17/96	South of Lake Park, Dickinson County.
Rough-legged Hawk	1	11/5/96	near Lake Park, Dickinson County.
Rough-legged Hawk	1	11/21/96	near Correctionville, Woodbury County.
Merlin	1	11/8/96	VERY LATE, near Spirit Lake, Dickinson County.
Common Moorhen	1	9/24/96	Marsh south of Silver Lake, Dickinson County.
Back-bellied Plover	3	9/17/96	south of Lake Park, Dickinson County.
Catbird	1	10/7/95	at Marble Lake, Dickinson County--somewhat late? (for N. Iowa)
Solitary Vireo	1	9/11/96	Rush Lake, Osceola County.
Cedar Waxwings	52	9/18/96	near Little Swan Lake, Diskinson County.
Lapland Longspurs	1,300 in 3 flocks	11/14/96	near Sanborn, O'Brien County
Snow Buntings	many flocks	11/96	common in small to large flocks by mid-November with extensive sno cover in NW Iowa.