

Iowa

Fall 1971 Iowa City F.W.Kent

You know the weather- mostly dry and warm with the first freeze and heavy frost Nov.4

Grebes.- A Western Grebe on Reservoir near Mehafey bridge on Nov.15 & 16. near enough for photos.

Ducks & Geese. A goose flight Oct. 20. Duck migration very poor here as water very low. Reservoir up late for Refuge flooding. So only on Nov 15 there were several thousand mallrds.a few pintail & scaup. No coots so far (funney)

Oct.1 first egrets of year 2

Shore birds very few. a few in late Aug. and early Sept. Sept. my first kingfisher of the year.

Aug.20 2 Avocets ot Reservoir

Sept. 6 1 " at Cone Marsh

Oct.1 2 " "

Warbler migration also thin. Some common ones in early Sept. fewer myrtles.

Sparrow also very scarce. Only singles of fox,Harris and white-thoats.

First purple finch Nov.7,, junco Oct.10 and 10 Longspurs Nov.11

Oh yes- Fine swallow concentrations all fall.

and lots of grackles,redwings and especially rusties.

photo of W. Grebe

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