

Season: SpringYear: 1983Name: Doug HarrAddress: Box 65Larchwood, Iowa 51241Other Observers: _____

General Notes: Jan.-Feb. unseasonably warm, w/many early migrants showing up. However, heavy snows in March (21 in. at Larchwood) and April (13 in.), with cold rains frequent through mid-May, set migrations back a little. Also, many reports from public of songbirds deaths in late storms.

Species	No.	Date	Location--comments--other observers
Am. White Pelican	200(est)	5/31	Silver Lake, Dickinson Co. /late: may be
	23	5/31	Rush Lake, Osceola Co. / summering
Snow Goose (Blue ph)	1	5/5	6 mi. west of Spirit Lake, with Canada geese--very late sighting
Common Merganser	1	3/4	NW corner of Osceola Co.--very early sighting.
Turkey Vulture	1	4/26	3 mi. SE of Spirit Lake--uncommon even on migration in this area.
Sedge Wrens	6+	5/20	4 mi. SE of Spirit Lake--many in state switchgrass planting near marsh
Brown Thrasher	1	3/7	Larchwood, Lyon Co.--very early; had to eat cat food from dish in snowstorms.
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2	4/22	1st warblers of season--2 mi. north of Superior, Dickinson Co.
Northern Waterthrush (yellow race)	1	5/14	Horseshoe Bend Co. Park, 2 mi. west of Milford.
Am. Redstarts	3	5/13-15	Larchwood, Lyon Co. Many also seen in other locales--very abundant on mig. this
Swamp Sparrows	2+	5/20	same site & habitat as sedge wrens, year. above.
Lapland Longspurs	400 est	3/15	3 mi. SW of Paullina (O'Brien Co.) w/ horned larks
	240 est	"	4 mi. N of Sutherland (O'Brien Co) all
	265 "	"	6 mi. E of Primghar (" ") with
	600 "	"	Primghar to Sheldon (" ") Horned Larks
			(also many unverified reports by public--very visible during this year's spring snowstorms and immediately afterwards.

Second-hand Observations:

Long-eared Owl	1	3/16	1 mi. East of Larchwood, Lyon Co. Rix Reported by Dolly Zangger, a fairly good local birder. She also got one rather poor photo, which appears to me to give relatively sure ID of bird.