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Dear Bruce,

Enclosed please find the manuscript and all documentation forms for the fall season in Iowa.

I hope the documentations xeroxed well enough for your use. Some of the computer generated ones were a bit light and I had to copy them on a darker setting. They are in species order.

The manuscript is in the form that Tom sends to the typesetter for printing. Therefore it has a number of characters that are used by the typesetting machine (actually a computer) to do such things as begin and end boldfacing. These can lead to some confusion, especially the ";f1" that follows each species. There is no space between the "1" in this mark and the number that often starts each species account. I have taken the liberty of highlighting each species to make it a little easier to read and also crossing out the "1" in the mark to make it clearer how many of the species is actually being reported. I hope this does not cause you too much trouble.

This was a fairly interesting season in Iowa. I did not have much time to get out, but others sure did. Steve Dinsmore went birding literally every day, and he saw more birds than anyone else. It was almost inevitable that his contributions dominated the report. All the rare birds that Steve found at Saylorville Reservoir resulted in everyone else chasing to the same spot and, of course, even more was found there by others. This is not the only birding spot in Iowa, it just seemed like it this fall. Paul Martsching continued his daily warbler counts in Brookside Park in Ames and he had a lot of good records. Overall, the reporting was well done. I think you will agree that the documentations are not too bad, but there are some weak ones.

Anyway, I hope this report is of some use to you in preparing yours for American Birds. Let me know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

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Dear Bruce,

Several bits of information for the fall reporting period were given directly to Tom Kent and I got them too late to include them in my report. Here they are:

King Eider: Of the 4 reported from Clear Lake by J. Hansen on 17 Nov., 2 were shot. One whole bird and the head and wing from the other were sent to Jim Dinsmore at Iowa State University. Tom has seen the photos and says they are unquestionably King Eiders. Apparently, one was a young male with a developing bill shield. Unfortunately, at this time no one has sent me a full documentation or photos.

Swainson's Hawk: A late report was of 30 (thirty) seen migrating in two hours over the Loess Hills at Sioux City, Woodbury Co., on 27 Sep by Douglas Trapp.

That should finish the fall season business.

December has started out with a bang so far: Lesser Black-backed and Great Black-backed at Red Rock (same birds as at upstream Saylorville Res.); Black-legged Kittiwake and Burrowing Owl at Rathbun Res. Christmas Count; and another (adult) Great Black-backed Gull at Davenport sitting in the middle of the Mississippi R. It also seems that the dam has burst on Thayer's Gulls as they are being reported everywhere! These will require some sorting out.

Hope your holiday season is a happy one.

Sincerely,

WEATHER

The period was again characterized by wet, cool weather, continuing a pattern begun in September 1985. August precipitation was slightly less than normal, but records were set in the succeeding months. Even August had several storms which brought tornadoes, hail, damaging thunderstorms, and heavy rains, resulting in severe flooding. The worst of these storms occurred in western Iowa on 4 August, with storms across Woodbury County and rainfall amounting to 2.70 inches at Coon Rapids. Mid-month rainfalls were recorded as follows: 4.25 inches at Imogene, ~~4.00~~ inches at Emerson, 4.65 inches at Oskaloosa, and 4.30 inches at Williamsburg. Flooding was reported along the Skunk, Iowa, Nishnabotna, and Thompson Rivers. ✓

September was the eighth wettest September in Iowa history, with twice the normal precipitation reported. The rainiest portions of the state were in the southwest and northeast. Shenandoah recorded 3.98 inches on the morning of 19 September, while 5.15 inches fell at Cresco two days later. Dubuque accumulated 13.06 inches during the month, while Spencer recorded on 2.93 inches for the same period. Floods, hail, and high winds swept through western Iowa on 22 September. One week later tornadoes struck the central and northern sections of the state. ✓

October, too, set records for wetness. The greatest daily and monthly rainfall was recorded at Keokuk with 4.20 inches on 3 October and 7.81 inches for the monthly total. Substantial rains on 11-12 October produced 3.70 inches at Harlan and 3.02 at Sidney in the southwest and 2.65 inches at Cresco in the northeast. Record autumn floods were reported along the entire

Mississippi Valley. Traces of snow fell over the north and eastern portions of the state at mid-month, while the first general freeze occurred across northern Iowa on 6 October. A statewide freeze covered Iowa on 13-14-15 October.

November was also a wet month, especially during the first two weeks. Heavy snows were reported in the north and northeast on the night of 18-19 November, with a deep accumulation at Cedar Falls and Waterloo.

The reporting period was, in general, cool and pleasant. August was a relatively cool month, although Keokuk, Keosauqua, and Rock Rapids recorded temperatures in the 90s on 25 August. Over half the state reported no days of 90 degree F. temperatures.

September, too, had few high temperatures: 91 F. at Glenwood and 90 F. at Red Oak on 8 September. As reported above, October brought a general freeze to the state, but Sioux City (80 F.), and Rock Rapids (83 F.) recorded high temperatures on 7 October. Record lows in November occurred on the night of 10-11 November with -8 F. at Sioux City, -12 F. at Spencer, 0 F. at Waterloo, and 4 F. at Cedar Rapids. The remainder of November was more nearly normal in temperature and precipitation. (Weather data prepared by Jim Sandrock).

GENERAL TRENDS

As you read the species accounts you will be seeing the specifics of a number of very interesting trends. I will comment on a few of these to bring them to your attention.

Frequent birding of major water areas yielded very good information on many of the aquatic species. Loons appeared in large numbers and there were more than usual numbers of Red-necked and Western Grebes. Bitterns and herons of all species were well represented. The concentrations of Snowy Egrets and Little Blue Herons in SW Iowa is becoming an annual event. All three scoter species made a big splash this fall and most were very well described.

There was a good raptor migration this fall which was well documented. Note the peak numbers and early arrivals that coincide with 20-21 and 28 Sep, but remember that these were also weekends.

A number of observers, especially in C Iowa, spent a lot of time tracking the shorebirds and a number of species were caught lingering later than expected. The Des Moines River must be a major migration route for gulls and Saylorville Reservoir is obviously one of the stopping points. The large numbers of common species brought along an amazing string of rarer birds. The late November "gull-watching" at Saylorville was possibly the best ever in Iowa. Before Iowa's four major reservoirs were constructed did all the water birds simply pass over Iowa, or did they go around? Delete all the reports from Saylorville, Coralville, Red Rock, and Rathbun and you have a good picture of birding in Iowa in the "good old days".

Among the passerines, the warblers made an especially good showing both coming and going, but especially coming. Four species showed up on record early dates and eight more were among the three early dates. Three species stayed until record late dates and three other species were here until past the third latest previous dates. This extension of the known migration intervals is due, at least in part, to some very systematic birding and diligent record keeping by a number of observers. Note the number of peak reports that occurred during 18-24 Aug. A number of the sparrows also expanded their recorded intervals of occurrence to some degree. Certainly there are some underlying causes in these trends. I have mentioned the effect of habitat change; weather conditions also come into play. However, just try to give a rational explanation for those fantastic dates on the Orchard Oriole and Pine Grosbeak!

UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS

The accidentals species were all water related except one. They included Pacific Loon, King Eider, Red Knot, Thayer's Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Sabine's Gull, and Rock Wren. Many of the casual species were reported: Red-necked Grebe, ibis species, Black Scoter, Surf Scoter, Burrowing Owl, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Townsend's Solitaire, Great-tailed Grackle, Pine Grosbeak, and House Finch. A spectacular week of birding took place at Saylorville Reservoir during late November when five accidentals (of the eight seen during the period) were found along with enough hard-to-find regular species to last most people for a whole year! Two more of the accidentals were seen at Saylorville earlier in season.

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#OSPECIES DATA

;b;m* = documented

;ps09;ls100;+3Pacific Loon: ;f1Documentations were from Saylorville Res. on 1 Nov (*SD), 22 Nov (*RKM, *BP, *SD), and on 30 Nov (*PM, *SD). It is not known whether these were all sightings of the same bird.

;f3Common Loon: ;f1The first and last were from Saylorville Res. on 28 Aug and 28 Nov (SD); peaks on 1 Nov were 327 at Saylorville Res. (SD) and 100 at Lock and Dam 18 (CF, JanF).

;f3Pied-billed Grebe: ;f1Adults with 4 young were at Virgin L. on 4 Jul, and were seen again on 1 Sep (ViK). Peaks were ²⁸⁶327 at Saylorville Res. on 29 Sep (SD) and 76 at Swan L., Johnson Co., on 5 Oct (THK).

;f3Horned Grebe: ;f11 at Saylorville Res. on 25 Aug (SD) is the second earliest. The peak was 37 at Saylorville Res. on 2 Nov (SD).

;f3Red-necked Grebe: ;f1Fall sightings of this species continue with birds reported from Saylorville Res. on 29 Sep, 8 Nov, and 24 Nov (**SD); Coralville Res. on 15-16 Nov (*JF, *TJS, *RJH, *THK); and West Okoboji on 16 Nov (*ET).

;f3Eared Grebe: ;f12 on 26-27 Aug at Big Creek L./Saylorville Res., 1 on 10 Nov at Little Wall L., and 1 on 29 Nov at Saylorville Res. (all by SD).

;f3Western Grebe: ;f1A record early migrant was at Saylorville Res. on 13 Sep (*SD) and a record tying third latest was at Ames on 23 Nov (PM). At Saylorville, 1 to 3 birds were seen ^{during} ~~over~~ the period. Other locations were Hardin Co. on 21 Oct (MPr, BPr), Muscatine Co. on 21 Oct (TLD, GDW), Carter L. on 11 Nov (DoR,

BJR), and West Okoboji on 15 Nov (ET).

;f3American White Pelican: ;f180 were at Union Slough N.W.R. on 9 Aug (SD, PCP, ~~BB~~). The peak of 4,400 at Saylorville Res. on 21 Sep was down to 54 on 17 Oct (SD). One at De Soto N.W.R. on 22 Nov (JF) ties the second latest.

;f3Double-crested Cormorant: ;f1Peaks at the four reservoirs were ^{2,305}~~1,882~~ at Saylorville on ¹⁴~~5~~ Oct (SD), 900 at Red Rock on 14 Oct (SD, JSi), 605 at Rathbun on 4 Oct (RLC), and 600 at Coralville on 5 Oct (THK). Two were still at West Okoboji on 30 Nov (ET).

;f3American Bittern: ;f12 were heard at L. Manawa on 5 Aug (CFS); ~~The~~ peak was 5 at Riverton A. on 19 Sep (JLH); 1-3 were found at five other locations.

;f3Least Bittern: ;f1The peak was 5 at Jemerson Sl. on 9 Aug (PCP, et al.) and at Sweet M. on 7 Sep (RLC); 1-3 were found at 5 other locations.

;f3Great Blue Heron: ;f1Peaks at reservoirs were 221 at Saylorville on 18 Aug (SD), 152 at Red Rock on 6 Sep (TJ), and 130 at Coralville on 28 Sep (THK).

;f3Great Egret: ;f1Peaks were 134 at Runnels Game A. on 30 Aug (JSi) and 65 at Coralville Res. on 28 Sep (THK).

;f3Snowy Egret: ;f111 in SW Fremont Co. on 2 Aug (RKM, SD) are a remarkable number. Others were 3 at Saylorville Res. on 18 Aug (SD), 2 at Rathbun Res. on 27 Sep (RLC), and 1 at George Wyth S.P. on 28 Sep (FLM).

;f3Little Blue Heron: ;f1A peak of 20 were seen in Fremont Co. (JF); others were 2 ad. and 2 imm. at Saylorville on to 25 Aug (SD), 1 ad. at Ledges S.P. on 26 Aug (DAR fide JJD), and 1 at Rathbun Res on 27 Aug (TJ).

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;f3Cattle Egret: ;f1The peak was 71 at Forney L. on 2 Aug (RKM, SD); records away from the Missouri R. were 2 in Hancock Co. on 26 Aug (JLH), 18 in Iowa Co. on 11 Sep (CJB), and 1 at Coralville Res. on 27 Sep (JF).

;f3Green-backed Heron: ;f1The last was at Saylorville Res. on 11 Oct (SD).

;f3Black-crowned Night-Heron: ;f11 adult at Big Wall L. on 1 Nov (SD) and 1 imm. at Saylorville Res. on 2 Nov (*SD) approach the record late date of 4 Nov.

;f3Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: ;f115 were in Fremont Co. on 1 Aug (JF) and up to 12 were at Burlington through 23 Sep (CF, JanF); others were 2 imm. at De Soto N.W.R. on 6 Aug (TB, BPa), 1 ad. and 1 imm. at Saylorville Res. on 20 Aug (SD, PM), and 2 imm. at Coralville Res. on 24 Aug (THK, CJB, TJS).

;f3Ibis species: ;f1Ibises, which could not be identified as to species, were in Hancock Co. on 20 Sep (Ron Andrews, Jim Wahl fide JLH) and Johnson Co. on 25 Sep (*JF, *THK).

;f3Tundra Swan: ;f11 was at Saylorville Res. on 9 Nov (SD); 150 were at Pool 9 on 15 Nov (MPR, BPR).

;f3Greater White-fronted Goose: ;f1The previously reported summering bird remained at IPL Ponds (m.ob.). The first migrants were at Saylorville Res. on 5 Oct (SD); 2 were at Bays Branch on 23 Nov (SD); and 3 were at Rathbun Res. on 29 Nov (RLC).

;f3Snow Goose: ;f1The first were 3 at Saylorville on 21 Sep (SD); 300,000 were at De Soto N.W.R. on 15 Nov (SD).

;f3Ross' Goose: ;f11 was shot at Forney L. on 5 Nov (Jeff Sanow fide JJD); 1 was described at De Soto N.W.R. on 25 Nov (THK, FLM, RCe).

11 on 11 Nov DeSoto RKM

;f3Canada Goose: ;f17,000 were seen in NC Iowa on 23 Nov (THK, FLM, RCe).

;f3American Black Duck: ;f1Peaks were 28 at Saylorville Res. (SD) ^{date!} and 6 at Rathbun Res. (RLC) on 28 Nov.

;f3Northern Pintail: ;f13 were in Des Moines Co. on 28 Aug (PCP).

;f3Canvasback: ;f110,000, fewer than usual, were at the Keokuk Pool on 2 Nov (RCe).

;f3Greater Scaup: ;f11 female with rounded head, large bill, and long wing stripe on 3 Nov at Ames (PM) and 1 male with rounded head and long wing stripe at Big Creek L. on 6 Nov (SD) were sufficiently well described to establish new early dates; ^{upto} 14 were at Big Creek L. until 29 Nov (SD).

;f3Lesser Scaup: ;f115,000 were at the Keokuk Pool on 2 Nov (RCe).

;f3King Eider: ;f12 were shot from a flock of 4 at Clear L. on 17 Nov (JLH). One bird and the head of the other were sent to Iowa State University.

;f3Oldsquaw: ;f1All reports were from reservoirs--2 at Rathbun on 9 Nov (RLC), singles at Saylorville on 10 and 28 Nov (**SD), and 1 at Red Rock on 18-19 Nov (EuA, EIA, MPr).

;f3Black Scoter: ;f16 photographed at Diamond L. on 31 Oct (*DK, *EMi, *DP) are the record earliest; 1 at Coralville Res. on 2 Nov (*THK, *TJS, *JF) is the second earliest; 1 of 2 at Big Creek L. on 12 Nov was shot (*SD, *RKM, *MPr, *BPr). All were immatures or females.

;f3Surf Scoter: ;f11 in Madison Co. on 11 Oct (*EIA) is the second earliest; others were 4 at L. Manawa on 19 Nov (*TB, *BPp, LPa), 1 at Saylorville Res. on 11 Nov (*SD), and 1 at De Soto

N.W.R. on 22 Nov (*JF). All were females or immatures.

;f3White-winged Scoter: ;f1Singles were at Saylorville Res. on 19 Oct and 10-16 Nov (*SD), at Union Grove S.P. on 10 Nov (*BPr, *MPr), at De Soto N.W.R. on 11, 15 Nov (RKM, SD), at Little Wall L. on 12 Nov (SD), and at Pool 16 on 17 Nov (TLD); 3 were in Dickinson Co. on 1 Nov (*ET).

;f3Bufflehead: ;f1The first was at Big Creek L. on 9 Oct (SD).

;f3Hooded Merganser: ;f1361 were at Saylorville Res. on 10 Nov (SD).

;f3Common Merganser: ;f14,000 were at Saylorville Res. on 24 Nov (SD).

;f3Ruddy Duck: ;f14 ad. and 2 yg. were at Little Wall L. on 9 Aug (PCP, MLP, SD). A peak of 500 were at Keokuk Pool on 2 Nov (RCe).

;f3Turkey Vulture: ;f130 were in Mills Co. on 18 Sep (DoR, BJR). Late birds were in Lee Co. on 28 Oct (RCe) and at Burlington on 1 Nov (CF, JanF).

;f3Osprey: ;f11 in Fayette Co. on 4 Aug and 1 in Winneshiek Co. on 8 Aug (MDe) are a record first and third earliest. It appears that summer birds will no longer be unusual. There were 17 reports of 1 to 6 birds, with the last on 5 Nov in Mills Co. (DoR, BJR).

;f3Bald Eagle: ;f1The first was in Dickinson Co. on 25 Sep (DCH); others were widespread across the state.

;f3Sharp-shinned Hawk: ;f1Peaks were 128 in Polk Co. (SD) and 108 at Grammar Grove (MPr, BPr) (on 21 Sep).

;f3Cooper's Hawk: ;f1Peaks were 15 at Grammar Grove on 20 Sep (MPr, BPr) and 37 in Polk Co. on 21 Sep (SD).

;f3Northern Goshawk: ;f1Convincing details were given for adults

at Coralville Res. on 30 Oct (TJS), at Saylorville Res. on 6 Nov (*SD), and at Ames on 9 Nov (*SD).

;f3Red-shouldered Hawk: ;f1no reports.

;f3Broad-winged Hawk: ;f1Large numbers were seen by many with the highest counts of 1,500 at Ames on 28 Sep (SD), 923 at Grammar Grove on 21 Sep (MPR, BPR), and 383 in Lee and Henry counties on 2 Oct (RCe).

;f3Swainson's Hawk: ;f1Singles were reported from eight counties.

;f3Red-tailed Hawk: ;f178 were seen in Polk Co. on 28 Sep (SD).

Harlan's Hawks were described in Dickinson Co. on 1 Nov (DCH) and at De Soto N.W.R. on 25 Nov (THK, FLM, RCe).

;f3Rough-legged Hawk: ;f11 at Saylorville Res. on 28 Sep (SD) is the third earliest.

;f3Golden Eagle: ;f11 was reported from Story Co. on 19 Oct (*SG); others were from the usual Allamakee Co. location.

;f3American Kestrel: ;f142 were in Polk Co. on 28 Sep (SD).

;f3Merlin: ;f113 were reported from 7 Sep to the late dates of 15 Nov in Pottawattamie Co. (DoR, BJR) and 27 Nov at Saylorville Res. (*PM).

;f3Peregrine Falcon: ;f120 were reported from 17 Sep to 3 Nov, suggesting that detailed documentation is no longer needed for this species during the regular migration time. A last bird in Allamakee Co. on 22 Nov (*FLM, *RCe, *THK) was late.

;f3Prairie Falcon: ;f11 was reported without details. This species requires documentation.

;f3Gray Partridge: ;f14 in Jim Fuller's yard near the Iowa R. north of Iowa City on 7 Nov were out of range.

;f3Ruffed Grouse: ;f11 in Van Buren Co. on 12 Aug (JPSa) could be

an introduced bird.

;f3Northern Bobwhite: ;f1The 30 reported on 24 Jul (;f2IBL;f1 56:115) were 1 ad. and 30 yg. (EuA, ElA).

;f3Yellow Rail: ;f1Singles were at Larson M. on 23 Sep (*SD) and in Greene Co. on 25 Sep (RKM).

;f3King Rail: ;f11 was at Big Wall L. on 14 Sep (*SD).

;f3Virginia Rail: ;f15 were at Big Wall L. on 20 Sep (SD); 1 was at Coralville Res. on 7 Oct (JF); and 1 was at Big Wall L. on 1 Nov (SD), a third latest date.

;f3Sora: ;f140 were at Big Wall L. on 20 Sep (SD). A fresh road-killed bird at Perry on 17 Nov (RKM) was a record late bird (except for a Christmas Count record). One at Big Wall L. on 25 Oct (SD) was also late.

;f3Common Moorhen: ;f1More than usual were reported for fall with 1 at Willow Sl. on 2 Aug (SD, RKM), 6 at Union Slough N.W.R. and 4 at Big Wall L. on 9 Aug (SD, FCP. BB), 1 in Greene Co. on 10 Aug (RKM), and a second latest bird at Keokuk on 21 Oct (RCe, JF).

;f3American Coot: ;f14,600 were at Saylorville Res. on 9 Oct (SD).

;f3Sandhill Crane: ;f11 at Saylorville Res. on 22 Nov (*BP, *SD) tied the latest date. ✓

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;f3Black-bellied Plover: ;f11 at Saylorville Res. on 5 Aug (SD)
is the second earliest; the peak of 32 was at Saylorville on ¹⁸19
Sep (SD); and the last were 3 at Lock and Dam 18 on 2 Nov (CF,
JanF).

;f3Lesser Golden-Plover: ;f1There were scattered singles and a
few large flocks--188 in Polk Co. (SD) and 59 in Story Co. (HZ)
on 27 Sep, and 58 in Hamilton Co. on 23 Oct (SD). A second latest ✓
was in Iowa Co. on 16 Nov (*LH).

;f3Piping Plover: ;f13 were at IPL Ponds on 3 Aug (SD, RKM).

;f3Killdeer: ;f1Flocks of 279 in Polk Co. (SD) and 105 in Story
Co. (HZ) were noted on 28 Sep.

;f3American Avocet: ;f1There were 22 at

Saylorville Res. on 12 Aug

(SD), 3 in Woodbury Co. on 14 Aug (BH), ^{app}4 at Coralville Res. on
15 Aug (JF),

1 at Coralville Res. on 25 Aug (CJB), 1 in Polk Co. on 25
Aug (SD), and 13 at IPL Ponds on 23 Sep (BP, LPa).

;f3Greater Yellowlegs: ;f1Peak was 46 in Polk Co. on 6 Aug (SD);
the last was at De Soto N.W.R. on 15 Nov (SD).

;f3Lesser Yellowlegs: ;f1Peak was 553 in Polk Co. on 5 Aug; the
last was there on 6 Nov (SD).

;f3Willet: ;f11 was at Willow Sl. on 2 Aug (SD, RKM); 12 were in
Polk Co. on 6 Aug (SD).

;f3Spotted Sandpiper: ;f1Singles at Lock and Dam 18 on 2 Nov (CF,
JanF) and Rathbun Res. on 26 Oct (TJ) ^{are}~~were~~ the second and third
latest.

;f3Upland Sandpiper: ;f1The only report was from Fremont Co. on 2
Aug (SD, RKM).

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;f3Ruddy Turnstone: ;f11 in Polk Co. on 29 Sep (SD) ties the latest date.

;f3Red Knot: ;f13 birds in alternate plumage were at Saylorville Res. on 5-6 Aug (**SD, *RKM).

;f3Sanderling: ;f16 at IPL Ponds on 2 Aug (RKM, SD) tie the second earliest date; ~~The~~ peaks were 49 at Big Creek L. on 11 Sep (SD) and 15 at Rathbun Res. on 15 Sep (TJ); ~~One~~ at Cone M. on 10 Nov (TLD) ties the latest date.

;f3Semipalmated Sandpiper: ;f1The peak was 282 in Polk Co. on 5 Aug (SD); the last were 6 at Coralville Res. on 16 Oct (THK) and 1 in Polk Co. on 19 Oct (SD).

;f3Western Sandpiper: ;f1Sightings were 1 at Runnels Game A. on 12 Aug (JSi), 2 at IPL Ponds on 23 Aug (BP a, LP a), 2 at Saylorville Res. on 26 Aug (SD), 1 at Rathbun Res. on 28 Aug (RLC), and 2 at Ames on 30 Sep (*SD, PM), the latter a third latest.

;f3Least Sandpiper: ;f11 at Saylorville on 17 Nov (SD) is the second latest.

;f3Baird's Sandpiper: ;f15 were at IPL Ponds on 3 Aug (SD, RKM); 1-2 juveniles were at Coralville Res. on 8 and 27 Sep (CJB, THK); 61 were in Polk Co. on 9 Sep (SD); and 1 at Saylorville on 27 Oct (SD) is the second latest.

;f3Pectoral Sandpiper: ;f1The peak was ~~5~~1,781 in Polk Co. on 19 Aug ✓ (SD); 1 at Big Creek L. on 18 Nov (SD) is the third latest.

;f3Dunlin: ;f1The peak was 30 on 11 Nov at Saylorville (SD).

;f3Stilt Sandpiper: ;f1The peak was 53 on 13 Sep at Saylorville (SD).

;f3Buff-breasted Sandpiper: ;f12 at IPL Ponds on 2 Aug (RKM, SD) tied the third earliest; 4 were in Polk Co. on 5 Aug (SD); and singles were at Saylorville Res. on 10 Aug and 29 Sep (EM, SD) and at Coralville Res. on 27 Sep (TJS, JF, THK).

;f3Short-billed Dowitcher: ;f1Interpretation of dowitcher reports remains a problem. Several juvenile short-bills were reported in August as expected; however, reports of late September and early October birds indicated that the birds were heard. What was heard? What were the birds doing when they made the sound?. Long-bills make a sound when flushed; short-bills usually do not. Adult birds (basic or alternate plumage?) were said to be with juveniles in late September, which is very hard to believe.

;f3Long-billed Dowitcher: ;f1Convincing details were given for 1-2 juveniles at Ames on 27, 29 Sep (PM). Again, record late birds either went undescribed, or were said to be identified by call. Late dowitchers almost have to be juvenile long-bills molting into first basic plumage. They should be all gray except for some retained wing coverts with thin rusty edges and should utter "keek" when flushed.

;f3Common Snipe: ;f1100 were in Story Co. on 8 Nov (HZ).

;f3Wilson's Phalarope: ;f11 e. of Ames on 28 Sep (PM) was well described and is a record late date. Two other late birds were unsubstantiated.

;f3Red-necked Phalarope: ;f130 were reported at Big Creek L. on 1 Sep (SD); singles were at Coralville Res. on 8 Sep (CJB) and Black Hawk Co. on 25 Sep (FLM). A late bird was unsubstantiated.

;f3Franklin's Gull: ;f1Peaks were 37,840 at Saylorville Res. on 9 Oct (SD), 1,500 at L. Manawa on 19 Oct (TB, Epa, LPa), and 1,500 ✓

at

Rathbun Res. on 24 Oct (TJ). One at Saylorville Res. on 28 Nov (SD) is the second latest.

;f3Bonaparte's Gull: ;f1Peaks were 539 at Saylorville Res. on 17 Oct (SD),

100 at L. Macbride on 9 Nov (THK), and 56 at Rathbun Res. on 22 Nov (RLC). The last was at Saylorville Res. on 30 Nov (SD).

;f3Ring-billed Gull: ;f1Peaks were 6,000 at Saylorville on 30 Nov (SD),

2,500 in Lee Co. on 13 Nov (RCe), and 600 at Coralville Res. on 2 Nov (THK).

;f3Herring Gull: ;f1The first was at Saylorville Res. ~~was~~ on 21 Sep and the peak was 475 there on 30 Nov (SD).

;f3Thayer's Gull: ;f1Birds were well documented at Saylorville Res. from 23 to 30 Nov (*MPR, *BPR, *RKM, *SD, *JF, *FLM, *RCe, *THK, **PM). Several first year birds were thought to be present, but it is difficult to determine how many. After several false starts in trying to identify this bird in Iowa, it now seems likely that observers will be able to pick first year Thayer's Gulls out of the large flocks of gulls that ~~now~~ ^{can} migrate through Iowa in the fall.

;f3Lesser Black-backed Gull: ;f1An adult was well substantiated at Keokuk on 20-21 Oct (*RCe, *JF) for the second state record. Another bird in nearly adult plumage was found at Saylorville Res. on 29 Nov (*BLW, *SD).

;f3Glaucous Gull: ;f11 was at Saylorville on 22 Nov (*SD, *BPp),

a record early date. At least 2 were there through the end of the period.

;f3Great Black-backed Gull: ;f1An immature bird was described at Saylorville Res. on 30 Nov (*SD, *PM).

;f3Sabine's Gull: ;f1A juvenile bird was seen briefly at Saylorville Res. on 5 Oct (*SD).

;f3Caspian Tern: ;f1Reported from many locations with peaks of 321 at Saylorville Res. on 13 Sep (SD) and 49 at Rathbun Res. on 20 Sep (RLC); 2 at Rathbun Res. on 19 Oct (TJ) are the ^hthird latest. ✓

;f3Common Tern: ;f1Sightings with details included 1 at Saylorville Res. on 4-5 Aug (BPr, *SD), 2 at Amana L. on 8 Aug (CJB), and ~~2~~ 3 at Ames on 10 Aug (PM).

;f3Forster's Tern: ;f1The peak was 82 at Saylorville Res. on 22 Aug (SD). No details were given for late birds of this and the previous species at two locations.

;f3Least Tern: ;f1The peak at IPL Ponds was 8 on 6 Aug (BPr) with the last there on 23 Aug (BJR fide BPr^a). An adult was seen at Saylorville Res. on 21 Aug (*SD).

;f3Black Tern: ;f1A peak of 63 was at Keokuk Pool on 19 Aug (RCe). The last was at Saylorville Res. on 28 Sep (SD).

;f3Black-billed Cuckoo: ;f12 in Van Buren Co. on 17 Oct (BB fide SD) and 1 on 18 Oct in Appanoose Co. (RLC) are the second and third latest. ^{Not clear}

;f3Yellow-billed Cuckoo: ;f12 nests were found in Lee Co. on ~~17~~ 12 Aug and a third on 2 Sep (RCe).

;f3Common Barn-Owl: ;f12 were in Dallas Co. on 12 Sep (RKM); up to 3 were there during the summer.

;f3Snowy Owl: ;f11 was reported from Otter Creek M. on 8 Nov (Bruce Ehresman fide JJD), and 1 imm. was at Sayorville Res. on 13 Nov (SD, BB).

;f3Burrowing Owl: ;f13 were in Sac Co. on 15 Aug (Larry Kropf fide JJD).

;f3Barred Owl: ;f1An albino bird was in Hardin Co. on 5-8 Nov (*JF, et al.)

;f3Long-eared Owl: ;f12 were heard in Fayette Co. on 23 Aug (MD); 1 was at Big Creek L. on 26 Nov (FLM et al.).

f3Short-eared Owl: ;f11-3 were reported from Des Moines, Polk, Black Hawk, and Story counties.

;f3Northern Saw-whet Owl: ;f1The first was in Boone Co. on 8 Oct (SD).

;f3Common Nighthawk: ;f1On 31 Aug hundreds were seen in Cerro Gordo Co.

(JLH) and on 1 Sep 500 were over Iowa City (CJB) and hundreds were in Story Co. (SD, EM). Record late birds were in Lee Co. on 29 Oct (*RCe) and Ames on 19 Oct (EM). ✓

;f3Whip-poor-will: ;f12 were singing at Waubonsie S.P. on 2 Aug (JF); 1 was at Rathbun Res. on 17 Sep (RLC).

;f3Chimney Swift: ;f1500 were in Scott Co. on 22 Aug (PCP); 1 at in Warren Co. on 26 Oct is the third latest (SD). Other last dates were 24 Oct in Lee Co. (RCe) and 21 Oct in Ames (PM, SD). ✓

;f3Ruby-throated Hummingbird: ;f11 n. of Iowa City on 28 Oct (JF) is the third latest.

;f3Red-headed Woodpecker: ;f1A peak of 61 were seen in one hour in Lee Co. on 21 Sep (RCe).

;f3Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: ;f12 were s. of Bellevue on 22 Aug

(PCP).

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;f3Northern Flicker; ;f1A red-shafted male^s was seen at a feeder^s
in Dallas Co. (RKM, EuA, ElA). *Myers & ARMSTRONGS were at their own
separate feeders.*

;f3Pileated Woodpecker; ;f12 were in Appanoose Co. on 23 Aug and
18 Oct (TJ); 1 at Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. was a first there for Jim
Sandrock who has birded the area extensively in recent years.

;f3Olive-sided Flycatcher: ;f1The first was 1 on 14 Aug at Saylorville Res. (SD, EM, PM); 3 was the peak on 18 Aug at Ledges S.P. (SD, EM); 1 was in Van Buren Co. on 26 Sep (JPS); and 1 on 5 Oct in Dallas Co. (RKM) is the 2nd latest.

;f3Eastern Wood-Pewee: ;f1The last was 1 in Ames on 5 Oct (PM).

;f3Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: ;f1There were 8 reports with good details from C and E Iowa including 2 on 19 Aug in Marshall Co. (MPr, BPr, RRS). The rest were single birds: 19 Aug at Davenport (PCP); 21 Aug in Lee Co. (RCe); 21 Aug at Ledges S.P. (SD); 30 Aug and 1,4 Sep in Ames (PM); and 6 Sep at George Wyth S.P (THK).

;f3Willow Flycatcher: ;f11 on 17 Sep in Appanoose Co. (RLC) is the 3rd latest.

;f3Least Flycatcher: ;f1The last was a calling bird in Marshall Co. on 27 Sep (MPr).

;f3Eastern Phoebe: ;f1The peak was 15 on 2 Oct in Brookside P. (PM).

;f3Great Crested Flycatcher: ;f11 on 27 Sep in Brookside P. (PM) is the 3rd latest.

;f3Western Kingbird: ;f17 were reported in Fremont Co. on 3 Aug (SD, RKM). No reports away from SW Iowa.

;f3Scissor-tailed Flycatcher: ;f11 was briefly seen on 26 Aug in Ames (*EM).

;f3Purple Martin: ;f1This species is usually present in Iowa through mid-Oct, but they departed nesting boxes in Pottawattamie Co. on 2 Aug (CFS).

;f3Tree Swallow: ;f150 were photographed as they fed on berries on 3 Aug in Louisa Co. (DoR ph., KO). Peaks were 1,000 on 14 Sep at Hendrickson M. (HZ); 6,500 on 28 Sep at Big Creek L. (SD); and an estimated "million" birds on 21 Sep at Coralville Res. (THK).

Tying the 3rd latest were 2 on 3 Nov at Big Creek L. (SD).

;f3Northern Rough-winged Swallow: ;f130 on 10 Oct in Lee Co. (RCe) are the 3rd latest.

;f3Cliff Swallow: ;f11,000 were at Hendrickson M. on 14 Sep (HZ).

;f3Barn Swallow: ;f1The peak reported was 350 on 27 Sep in Story Co. (PM); details were given for 1 bird in Dallas Co. on 4 Nov (EuA, ElA), the 2nd latest; and 2 seen flying on 10 Nov in Iowa Co. and later found dead in an old American Robin nest (LH) are the latest on record.

;f3Blue Jay: ;f1These counts were taken in Lee Co. (RCe): 486 in 1 hour on 21 Sep ; 361 on 25 Sep and 260 on 2 Oct, both totals during 15 minutes of driving.

;f3American Crow: ;f1The roost at Keokuk was "building on schedule" with 12,000 birds on 17 Nov (RCe).

;f3Red-breasted Nuthatch: ;f1First was 1 on 23 Aug in Ames (EM).

;f3Brown Creeper: ;f13 on 18 Aug in Des Moines Co. and 2 on 22 Aug in Jackson Co. (PCP) could have been summering birds.

;f3Rock Wren: ;f11 was described at Cedar Rapids on 30 Oct (*DF, HF); 1 was seen by many 22-30 Nov among the rocks (of course!) of the dam at Saylorville Res. (*SD, *BP & LPa, *PCP, *JJD, *RKM, *PM).

;f3Carolina Wren: ;f1Resident birds continue in SE Iowa with 2 on 30 Aug in Lee Co. (TJ, RLC); 1-2 in Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. through 17 Sep (JPS, CJB); and 1 on 24 Sep in Henry Co. (CF, JanF). Not to be outdone by his family, Jim Fuller had 1 in his Iowa City back yard from 15 Oct through Nov.

;f3Bewick's Wren: ;f1A single bird was in Lee Co. on 1 Sep (*RCe).

;f3Winter Wren: ;f11 on 28 Aug in Des Moines Co. was "calling and

territorial" (PCP). The earliest record for a migrant is 10 Sep, but nesting records in Iowa are rare. The peak reported was 7 on 30 Sep in Brookside P. (PM).

;f3Sedge Wren: ;f16 were still at DeSoto Bend N.W.R. on 6 Aug (TB, BPa, LPa); another 6 were in Scott Co. on 20 Sep (PCP, CB1, BB1); the last was 1 on 20 Oct in Story Co. (SD).

;f3Marsh Wren: ;f1The last was 1 on 25 Oct at Big Wall L. (SD).

;f3Golden-crowned Kinglet: ;f11 on 18 Sep in Johnson Co. (JF) is the second earliest. Peaks were 45 on 30 Sep in Ames (EM) and 130 on 3 Oct in Polk Co. (SD).

;f3Ruby-crowned Kinglet: ;f11 on 6 Aug in Allamakee Co (MDe) is an early record by 10 days; the peak was 60 on 12 Sep in Brookside P. (PM).

;f3Eastern Bluebird: ;f1The peak report was 84 on 12 Oct in Polk Co. (SD). Efta reports 140 fledged during summer and flocks of 30 common this fall.

;f3Townsend's Solitaire: ;f11 on 29 Oct near Ledges S.P. (*SD) was the only one reported.

;f3Veery: ;f1In Brookside P., the peak was 4 on 21 Aug and last was 1 on 13 Sep (PM).

;f3Gray-cheeked Thrush: ;f1 1 on 28 Aug in Appanoose Co. (RLC) is the 3rd earliest; singles on 14 and 23 Sep were the only ones seen in Brookside P. this fall (PM).

;f3Swainson's Thrush: ;f1The 2nd earliest was 1 on 16 Aug in Brookside P. (PM); 1 on 18 Aug and a peak of 5 on 1 Sep were at Ledges S.P. (SD, EM); the last was 1 on 17 Oct in Sioux City (BH).

;f3Hermit Thrush: ;f11 on 21 Sep at Ledges S.P. (SD) is the second earliest; peaks were in Brookside P. with 10 birds on 10,

15 Oct (PM); 1 on 15 Nov in Emmet Co. (HW) was late for a migrant.

;f3American Robin: ;f120 were still at Rathbun Res. on 23 Nov (TJ).

;f3Gray Catbird: ;f1Migrating birds were represented by 60 on 27 Sep at Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. (JPS, RCe, JCe).

;f3Northern Mockingbird: ;f1Not unexpected in S Iowa, 1 was in Appanoose Co. on 20 Sep (RLC) and 1 Nov (TJ).

;f3Brown Thrasher: ;f125 migrating birds were at Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. on 27 Sep (JPS, RCe, JCe).

;f3Water Pipit: ;f1The peak was 17 on 25 Oct at Big Wall L. (SD); 1 on 21 Nov at Saylorville Res. (SD) is the 2nd latest.

;f3Bohemian Waxwing: ;f14 reports are more than usual: 2 on 15 Nov in Cherokee Co. (DBi); 1 on 23 Nov at Saylorville Res. (*SD); 1 on 27 Nov in Marshall Co. (MPr, BPr); and 1 on 28 Nov at Ledges S.P. (*SD).

;f3Northern Shrike: ;f112 birds were reported with the first on 20 Oct in Story Co. (SD); the only S Iowa sighting was 1 in Mills Co. on 28 Nov (BLW)

;f3Loggerhead Shrike: ;f11 was in N Iowa on 5 Aug in Winneshiek Co. (MDe).

;f3White-eyed Vireo: ;f1Only 3 reports, all from SE Iowa: 6 on 17 Aug (RCe) and 3 on 30 Aug (TJ, RLC) in Lee Co.; and 4 on 14 Sep in Wapello Co. (RCe).

;f3Bell's Vireo: ;f1Single birds were reported on 3 Aug at IPL Settling Ponds (BP a, LP a); 14 Aug at Saylorville Res. (SD, EM, PM); and 27 Aug in Appanoose Co. (RLC).

;f3Solitary Vireo: ;f1The first was 1 on 23 Aug at Ledges S.P. (SD); peaks of 26 on 30 Aug in Ames (SD) and 15 on 30 Sep in Brookside P. (PM); 1 on 2 Nov in Burlington is the 3rd latest (CF, JanF).

;f3Yellow-throated Vireo: ;f1The last was 1 on 30 Sep in Brookside P. (PM).

;f3Warbling Vireo: ;f1Last were singles on 7 Sep at George Wyth S.P. (RCe) and 8 Sep at Brookside P. (PM).

;f3Philadelphia Vireo: ;f11 on 18 Aug at Ledges S.P. (SD, EM) is the 2nd earliest. A total of 17 birds were found in Brookside P. from 24 Aug to 28 Sep (PM). Reported from 6 other C and E Iowa counties including 1 on 5 Oct in Lee Co. (RCe) for the 3rd latest record.

;f3Red-eyed Vireo: ;f1The peak was 75 on 7 Sep at George Wyth S.P. (RCe, JPS).

;f3Blue-winged Warbler: ;f1The only report was of 1 on 6 Sep at George Wyth S.P. (BLW).

;f3Golden-winged Warbler: ;f13 on 13 Aug in Lee Co. (RCe) are the 3rd earliest; peak was 7 on 18 Aug at Ledges S.P. (SD, EM); 2 on 27 Sep at Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. (JPS, RCe, JCe) are the 2nd latest.

;f3Tennessee Warbler: ;f1The abundant status of this migrant is evidenced by peaks of 65 on 18 Aug in Brookside P. (PM); 35 on 23

Aug at Ledges S.P. (SD); and 47 on 24 Aug at Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. (RCe, JPS); the last were 3 on 19 Oct in Lee Co. (RCe).

;f3Orange-crowned Warbler: ;f1A record early single was documented on 22 Aug at Ledges S.P. (*EM, *SD); peak was 17 on 7 Oct at Brookside P. (PM).

;f3Nashville Warbler: ;f11 on 14 Aug in Ames (SD) is the 3rd earliest; peaks were 37 on 13 Sep at Saylorville Res. (SD) and 25 on 30 Sep at Brookside P. (PM); 1 was in Sioux City on 25 Sep (BH).

;f3Northern Parula: ;f1A single was seen in SW Iowa at Forney L. on 15 Sep (BJR fide BPa); last was 1 on 2 Oct at Brookside P. (PM).

;f3Yellow Warbler: ;f1The only report was of 1 on 30 Aug at Saylorville Res. (SD).

;f3Chestnut-sided Warbler: ;f1 Reported in large numbers this fall; the first were 2 on 14 Aug at Brookside P. (PM); a big movement occurred on 23 Aug with peaks of 37 in Brookside P. (PM) and 72 at Ledges S.P. (SD); 1 on 4 Oct at Grammar Grove, ~~Marshall Co.~~ (MPr) is the 2nd latest and 1 on 5 Oct at Saylorville Res. (SD) is the latest on record.

;f3Magnolia Warbler: ;f11 on 12 Aug at Brookside P. (PM) is the earliest record; another on 14 Aug at Saylorville Res. (EM, SD, PM) is the 3rd earliest; peaks of 19 on 22 Aug at Ledges S.P. (SD, EM) and 13 on 24 Aug at Brookside P. (PM).

;f3Cape May Warbler: ;f1This species appeared in almost unbelievable numbers this fall and the peaks were earlier than expected. Tying the 2nd early record of 12 Aug were 1 in Lee Co. (*RCe) and 2 at Brookside P. (PM); 1 on 14 Aug in Iowa City (JF) is the 3rd earliest; peaks were 8 on 21 Aug in Polk Co. (SD) and

11 on 27 Aug in Ames (PM); from 1 to 3 were seen in eight other E and C Iowa counties with the last 1 on 28 Sep at George Wyth S.P. (FLM).

;f3Black-throated Blue Warbler: ;f112 birds all in E and C Iowa: details were given for 1 male at Ledges S.P. on 23 Aug (SD), a record early date; single females were in Iowa City on 8,11 Sep (**JF); in Brookside P., 1 imm. or female on 13 Sep and 1 male on 17 Sep (PM); a male and female on 21 Sep at Ledges S.P. (SD); 1 female on 24 Sep in Warren Co. (JSi); 1 male on 27 Sep at Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. (*JCe, RCe, JPS); 1 male on 28 Sep at George Wyth S.P. (FLM); and on 30 Sep 1 imm. or female (PM) and 1 male (SD) at Brookside P.

;f3Yellow-rumped Warbler: ;f11 imm. bird on 24 Aug in Ames (EM) is the 2nd earliest; peak was 75 on 4 Oct at Brookside P. (PM).

;f3Black-throated Green Warbler: ;f11 on 16 Aug in Ames (SD) is the 3rd earliest; peak was 11 on 21 Sep at Ledges S.P. (SD); W Iowa reports were 1 on 18 Sep in Mills Co. (DoR, BJR) and 2 on 25 Sep in Sioux City (BH).

;f3Blackburnian Warbler: ;f1This species also arrived and peaked early; 2 on 13 Aug in Lee Co. (RCe) are the 2nd earliest and 1 on 14 Aug at Brookside P. (PM) is the 3rd; peaks were 8 on 21 Aug at Brookside P. (PM) and 25 on 23 Aug at Ledges S.P. (SD).

;f3Yellow-throated Warbler: ;f11 on 27 Sep at Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. (JPS, RCe, JCe) is the 2nd latest fall record.

;f3Pine Warbler: ;f11 on 21 Sep at Brookside P. had "no markings of any kind on olive back" (PM); documented birds included singles on 4 and 15 Sep in Ames and on 28 Sep at Ledges S.P. (**SD); and 2 on 28 Sep at George Wyth S.P. (*FLM); Several

other reports lacked conclusive details.

;f3Prairie Warbler: ;f1For the past 3 years birds have been found in Lee Co. and this fall 1 imm. on 12 Aug and 1 adult female

OK On 15 Aug were observed (**RCe).

;f3Palm Warbler: ;f11 on 13 Sep at Saylorville Res. (SD) is the 3rd earliest; last was 1 on 6 Oct at Brookside P. (PM).

;f3Bay-breasted Warbler: ;f1Very common and very early this fall; 2 on 14 Aug in Ames (PM) are the earliest on record, 1 was still there the next day (SD); 1 at Coralville Res. on 16 Aug (JF) is the 2nd earliest; peaks were 52 on 23 Aug (SD) and 42 on 1 Sep (EM) at Ledges S.P.; W Iowa birds were singles on 3, 13 Sep in Mills Co. (BLW) and 18 Sep at Waubonsie S.P. (DoR, BJR).

;f3Blackpoll Warbler: ;f1Also early this season with 1 on 16 Aug at Coralville Res. (JF) the earliest record; 1 on 21 Aug in Des Moines is the 3rd earliest; last was 1 on 29 Sep at Brookside P. (PM).

;f3Cerulean Warbler: ;f1Descriptive details were given for 1 on 26 Sep at Brookside P. (PM) for the 2nd latest fall record.

;f3Black-and-white Warbler: ;f1First was 1 on 13 Aug in Lee Co. (RCe); the peaks were 28 on 21 Aug at Brookside P. (PM), and 48 at Ledges S.P. on 23 Aug (SD); 2 were in Sioux City on 18 Aug (BH); last was 1 on 12 Oct in Marshall Co. (MPr).

;f3American Redstart: ;f1Peak was 19 on 23 Aug in Brookside P. (PM); last was 1 at Saylorville Res. on 3 Oct (SD).

;f3Prothonotary Warbler: ;f1Last was 1 on 16 Aug at Coralville Res. (JF, THK).

;f3Worm-eating Warbler: ;f11 was still singing on 31 Aug in Lee Co. (RCe, RLC, TJ).

;f3Ovenbird: ;f1Migrant peaks were 7 on 27 Aug and 1 Sep at

Brookside P. (PM); 1 on 17 Oct in Iowa City (THK) is 3rd latest.
;f3Northern Waterthrush: ;f11 on 11 Aug at Saylorville Res. (SD)
ties the 3rd earliest; no more than singles reported elsewhere;
the last was 1 found dead at Alleman on 4 Oct (SD). This was
a late bird in every sense of the word!.

;f3Louisiana Waterthrush: ;f1None reported.

;f3Kentucky Warbler: ;f14 were still in Lee Co. on 21 Aug (RCe);
last was 1 on 23 Aug at Ledges S.P. (SD).

;f3Connecticut Warbler: ;f13 reports of this rare fall migrant,
all singles: 27 Aug at Ledges S.P. (RKM); 13 Sep in Des Moines
Co. (CF, JanF); and 27 Sep in Marshall Co. (RRS).

;f3Mourning Warbler: ;f1First were 2 on 15 Aug in Ames (EM); peak
was 5 on 4 Sep at Brookside P. (PM); last was 1 on 30 Sep at
Brookside P. (SD, PM).

;f3Common Yellowthroat: ;f1Last was 1 on 11 Oct at Saylorville
Res. (SD).

;f3Hooded Warbler: ;f1None reported.

;f3Wilson's Warbler: ;f12 on 15 Aug at Brookside P. (PM) tie for
2nd earliest; 1 on 16 Aug at Coralville Res. (THK) is 3rd
earliest; peak was 7 on 4 Sep at Brookside P. (PM).

;f3Canada Warbler: ;f1First were 2 on 14 Aug in Ames (SD); peak
was 16 at Ledges S.P. on 23 Aug (SD); 1 on 30 Sep in Warren Co.
(JSi) ties for 3rd latest.

;f3Yellow-breasted Chat: ;fNone reported.

;f3Summer Tanager: ;f1Singles were in Lee Co. on 1 Aug (RCe) and
at Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. on 16 Aug (JPS).

;f3Scarlet Tanager: ;f110 were observed at Waubonsie S.P. in SW
Iowa on 18 Sep (BJR fide BPa).

;f3Rose-breasted Grosbeak: ;f1Last was 1 female on 11 Oct at Big

Creek L. (SD).

;f3Blue Grosbeak: ;f3 were seen in Lee Co. on 1 Aug and 2 were still present on 10 Aug (JPS, RCe, JCe). No other reports away from usual W Iowa range.

;f3Indigo Bunting: ;f1Last was 1 imm. male on 19 Oct at Big Creek L. (SD).

;f3Dickcissel: ;f11 on 19 Oct at L. Manawa is the 3rd latest (TB, BPa, LPa)

;f3Rufous-sided Towhee: ;f124 were counted in Lee Co. on 8 Oct (RCe).

;f3Chipping Sparrow: ;f1Last were 2 on 16 Oct in Ames (PM).

;f3Clay-colored Sparrow: ;f11 was found dead at Alleman in Polk Co. on 4 Oct (SD).

;f3Vesper Sparrow: ;f12 were late in Polk Co. on 30 Oct (SD).

;f3Lark Sparrow: ;f18 were along the Des Moines R. in Lee Co. on 1 Aug (RCe); 1 on 13 Sep at Ledges S.P. (SD, JJD) ties the 3rd latest; and 2 on 5 Oct at Coralville Res. (THK) are the 2nd latest.

;f3Lark Bunting: ;f1None reported.

;f3Savannah Sparrow: ;f1Peak was 21 on 11 Oct at Rathbun Res. (RLC); last were 2 on 2 Nov in Polk Co. (SD).

;f3Le Conte's Sparrow: ;f1Several in Greene Co. (RKM) and 6 at Big Wall L. (SD) on 14 Sep tie for 2nd earliest; peaks of 11 on 10, 18 Oct at Coralville Res. (JF) and 8 on 20 Oct in Story Co. (SD); 1 on 15 Nov at Cone M. (JPS) ties the latest record.

;f3Sharp-tailed Sparrow: ;f12 in Greene Co. (*RKM) and 1 at Big Wall L. (*SD) on 14 Sep tie the 3rd earliest record; 1 on 19 Oct in Marshall Co. (*RRS) is the 2nd latest.

;f3Fox Sparrow: ;f1 2 on 29 Sep at Saylorville Res. (SD) ^{one} ~~is~~ the

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3rd earliest; peak was 20 on 16 Nov in Dickinson Co. (DCH).

;f3Lincoln's Sparrow: ;f1First were 6 on 27 Sep at Saylorville Res. (SD); peak of 7 on 19 Oct at L. Manawa (TB, BPa, LPa); last was 1 on 29 Nov at Saylorville Res. (SD).

;f3Swamp Sparrow: ;f1Peak report was 23 on 11 Oct in Appanoose Co. (RLC).

;f3White-throated Sparrow: ;f1Arrived early and in good numbers: 1 on 4 Sep at Brookside P. is the earliest on record and 35 were here by 8 Sep (PM); 20 on 6 Sep at George Wyth S.P. (EM) are the 3rd earliest; peaks were 125 in Lee Co. on 8 Oct (RCe) and 68 in Appanoose Co. on 18 Oct (RLC).

;f3White-crowned Sparrow: ;f1The first was 1 on 27 Sep at Saylorville Res. (SD).

;f3Harris' Sparrow: ;f11 on 21 Sep at Saylorville Res. (SD) ties the 2nd earliest record.

;f3Lapland Longspur: ;f1First was 1 on 4 Oct at Saylorville Res. (SD); peak was 1,250 on 30 Oct in Polk Co. (SD).

;f3Smith's Longspur: ;f1None reported

;f3Snow Bunting: ;f11 was in Tama Co. on 29 Oct (NK); Harr called them "abundant in small flocks after 4 inch snowfall" in Lyon Co. on 18 Nov; 350 were found in Clayton, Allamakee, and Winneshiek counties on 22 Nov (THK, FLM, RCe).

;f3Bobolink: ;f1100 were in one migrating flock at Coralville Res. on 24 Aug (THK, CJB, TSt); 1 was found dead at Alleman in Polk Co. on 4 Oct (SD).

;f3Yellow-headed Blackbird: ;f11 was still at Cone M. on 6 Sep (CF, JanF); 110 at Big Wall L. on 14 Sep had diminished to 7 by 24 Sep (SD); a female frequented a feeder in Ames 14-19 Nov (PM, SD) for a record late date.

;f3Rusty Blackbird: ;f1300 were in Story Co. on 1 Nov (HZ).

;f3Brewer's Blackbird: ;f1Only 2 reports: 4 in Appanoose Co. on 16 Nov (RLC); and 1 female in Howard Co. on 22 Nov (THK, FLM, RCe).

;f3*Great-tailed Grackle: ;f1Since their first Iowa appearance in 1983, this species has become quite easy to find in Fremont Co; 5 males and 4 females were near Forney L. on 3 Aug (SD, RKM); and 30 birds were seen together in a Fremont Co. pasture on 12 Sep and 20 were there on 2 Oct (DoR, BJR).

;f3Orchard Oriole: ;f1An imm. bird at L. Manawa on 19 Oct (*TB) is a record late observation by almost 6 weeks!

;f3Northern Oriole: ;f11 was at Big Creek L. on 28 Sep (SD), also a record late date.

;f3Pine Grosbeak: ;f1An imm. bird seen briefly in Ames on 24 Aug (*EM, *SD) was a month earlier than the previous record.

;f3Purple Finch: ;f11 female on 26 Aug in Ames (SD) is the 2nd earliest.

;f3House Finch: ;f12 females were in Ames on 15 Sep (*SD); 2 more females were at Ledges S.P. on 1 Oct (*RKM); details were given for a female or imm. bird on 7 Sep in Ames (PM); 1-3 birds detailed earlier in Davenport were seen almost daily during the period (Harold Ray fide PCP); another male was observed in Davenport on 26 Nov (CB1 fide PCP).

;f3Red Crossbill: ;f1First were 2 in Ames on 1 Sep (EM); peaks were 18 on 31 Oct in Hardin Co. (MPr), 12 in Des Moines on 8 Nov (RKM), and 40 at Big Creek L. on 9 Nov (SD); 1-3 birds reported from Des Moines, Boone, Harrison, Allamakee, and Black Hawk counties.

;f3White-winged Crossbill: ;f1None reported.

;f3Common Redpoll: ;f1Only 3 reports from C Iowa during mid-Nov.

;f3Pine Siskin: ;f1Widely reported with a peak of 30 in Cherokee Co. on 23 Nov (DBi)

;f3American Goldfinch: ;f1A nest with 5 young ready to fledge was found on 29 Sep in Winneshiek Co. (MDe)

;f3Evening Grosbeak: ;f1Only 2 reports of single birds: 19 Oct in Johnson Co. (TSt); and 15 Nov in Polk Co. (Andrea Knox fide SD).

COMMENT

Overall the reports submitted for this fall season were excellent. They were on time and contained a wealth of information. Thank you to all who contributed. Without you, the field reports would not be possible.

Several observers went birding almost daily during the season. The resulting thorough coverage (especially of Saylorville Reservoir and Brookside Park) is well illustrated in the species accounts.

A total of _____ sightings from _____ contributors were entered into a computer data base, sorted, and summarized in this report. An impressive total of 127 documentation forms were submitted. I have several comments about various aspects of the reporting process. First, most observers did a very good job of editing their own material to send only the valuable information, rather than just a listing of every bird seen. Nearly every report was in checklist order and on a standard reporting form. When you are compiling a large amount of information in a short time, this is immensely helpful.

I did have several problems with the reports. The species accounts demonstrate how many early and late dates there were this season. Please be aware that a relatively common bird that occurs outside its normal time interval is a rare bird and should be treated as such. Any bird that is way out of season should be fully documented, or it will not be entered into the record. Common birds that are reported among the three earliest or latest dates should be reported with some supporting evidence of identification. This need not be a full documentation, but it should be a brief description of the key field marks seen and heard. Without some evidence, late and early reports may not be used.

A second request is that you be sure to make clear how many birds are seen and when they are observed. The best way to handle this is to state the first number seen, the peak number, and the last, each with a specific date attached. A report such as "2 to 10 were seen on 3 to 20 Oct" is totally useless. It is much better to say, "First: 4 on 3 Oct; peak: 10 on 15 Oct; last: 1 on 20 Oct". This is a report that is specific and much more useable than one that gives a range of numbers and dates.

I am grateful for the tremendous amount of help given by Tom Kent. For several years, I have assisted him in writing the report. This was my first time in charge, and he helped me greatly.

I welcome any suggestions for improving these reports and corrections of factual information.

Winter field reports covering the months of December, January, and February should be sent to W. Ross Silcock, Box 300, Tabor, IA. 51653 by 1 March.