

422 So. Dubuque St. #33  
Iowa City, Iowa 52240  
1 December 1975

Dear Mr. Klein

Enclosed is my report for the 1 August - 30 November American birds reporting period. I spent most of my birding time in Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City, so didn't compile so many reports of interest. As I am new to the area I have little feeling for relative rarities so am guided in that respect by Brown's "Annotated List..." and by previous fall migration Am. Bird reports.

My present position at the U. of Iowa is that of a grad student in space physics. I am a research assistant in the department and am presently becoming involved in a thesis topic with hopes of securing a degree in a couple of years or perhaps sooner.

I have made contacts with people in the Iowa City Bird Club and the Ia. Ornithology Union. Also I have talked with Dr. Halmi on the phone but have yet to meet him. Perhaps the Christmas Count will afford the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Rich DeCoster

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Number in parenthesis (N) refers to number of individuals.

Pelican White: (1), over Iowa River, Iowa City, Iowa, 10/22/75.

Cormorant, D.-c.: (1), on Coralville Reservoir, Macbride Campus area, 10/26/75.

Hawk, Sharp-shinned: (1), Hickory Hill Park, Iowa City, 10/9/75.

Hawk, Cooper's: (1) adult, Hickory Hill, 9/10.

(1) Hickory Hill, 9/25.

accipiter-sp.: (2) Hickory Hill, 10/23/75.

Hawk, Marsh: (1) Hickory Hill, 10/16, brown plumage.

(1) near Hills, Iowa, 10/30, brown plumage.

Nighthawk, Common: about 200 over Iowa City downtown area, 8/29.

Nuthatch, Red-breasted: (1), U. of Iowa campus, 9/13.

(2), Hickory Hill, 9/25.

(1), Hickory Hill, 10/2.

Wren, Winter: Hickory Hill, (1) 10/2; (1) 11/13; (1) 11/25.

Wren, Carolina: Hickory Hill, (1) 10/23; (2) 10/30, (2) 11/13;

(1) 11/25.

Grosbeak, Evening: (5♀, 2♂), Sugar Bottom area of Coralville Res. (Seen with group on Iowa City Bird Club trip), 11/14.

Finch, Purple: Hickory Hill, (2) 9/25; (about 20) 10/16;

(2) 10/23; (2) 10/30; (1) 11/13; *all in brown plumage.*

Siskin, Pine: (9) 10/30; (2) 11/6; both <sup>groups</sup> in Hickory Hill.

Towhee, Rufous-sided: Hickory Hill, (5) 10/9; (3) 10/16.

Coralville Dam, (1) 10/11.

Sparrow, Fox: (1) Hickory Hill, 9/25. (?early)

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