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Dear Dr. Halmi:

Perhaps the following information may be of some interest to you.

I Significant observations:

1. Wilson's Warbler -- August 22, 1976
2. Canada Warbler -- August 29, 1976

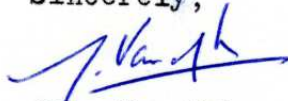
Both these birds (one individual in each case) observed in our yard at 731 E. 1st St. in Sioux Center.

Both birds are listed as uncommon or rare in western Iowa in W.H. Brown's Annotated List of the Birds of Iowa.

II Blue list species (the following comments concern only species normally observed in north-west Iowa):

- both American Kestrel and Marsh Hawk appear exceptionally scarce. Other species of hawks, too, seem unusually scarce.
- Wood Thrush: common and regular here along Sioux and Rock rivers this summer, as always.
- Loggerhead Shrike: often a whole season goes by without seeing a single individual. I saw two of them this year, one three miles west of Sioux Center (April 18) and one in Plymouth County (just south of Le Mars on May 24).
- Bell's Vireo: I found a singing male in Oak Grove State Park in western Sioux County. It sang for several weeks. I could not locate a nest. May 29/76
- Yellow Warbler and American Redstart were common this summer, as always, particularly in the western sections of Sioux County.

Sincerely,

  
John Van Dyk