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Dear Dr. Halmi,

A few notes for your Iowa Birdlife Report. Following are partial list of birds that have increased in population this ^{summer} year in our area, Jasper County: Eastern Kingbirds, American Robins, American Kestrels, Eastern Kingbirds, Dickcissels and Eastern Meadowlark. In great decrease in this area this year.... all species of warblers. We rarely see a hawk these days. Out of seven trips to Red Rock Lake I spotted a Red-Tail Hawk once, and am still watching for the Ruby-Throated Hummingbird that was so plentiful last year. One male did show up the 20th of May stopping to take some sips of wife's salvias --- and was seen no more. Mentioning this visit to others, was told by two people they also had a one-time visit by one bird about the same time---very likely the same bird? I still keep vigil several times a week checking peoples' flower gardens for the hummer. So far zero !

From my note book from Jasper County of birds that can be counted on one hand* -- Bluebirds 4 , Indigo Bunting 2 , Bobolinks 3, Green Heron 1, Great Blue Heron 6, Great Horned Owls 5, one pair of Barred Owls raised three young at Mariposa ~~Co~~ Park in Jasper County. Rosebreasted Grosbeak 2, Crested Flycatcher 2.

City of Newton has about ten Nighthawks ~~one~~ in various parts of the town, one pair hatched two young on the roof of Skiff Memorial Hospital.

This summer was not a good summer for me to do bird watching. I do have more in my note books but it would not give you an accurate figure unless I added them up.

It looks like Edith and I will not get to the convention Cedar Rapids this year. A wedding in Marengo Illinois that Saturday. We feel sorry about that.

So until we see you again-- -

Very Sincerely,

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