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Dear Sir,

I am sending a few observations of the summer season 1976 for the Field Notes in the Iowa Bird Life. I understand you are preparing the notes that was done formerly by Woodward Brown.

Upland Sandpiper (formerly Upland Plover) Noticeably fewer this year. One or two at a time only this year and some days none. Previous years seen and heard every day and frequently several at once.

Loggerhead Shrike. Usual numbers. In July would see one or more shrikes on any 5 miles of country road.

Bobolink- Nesting here up to July 1 3 or 4 in a pasture

Yellow Warbler- Seen around our lake here. Mrs. DeLong also banded one and reports several sightings.

Short billed Marsh wren- Appeared here in July and August. Nesting in 4 areas on my farm. Some years absent. Drought in Minnesota and northern range may have sent them here this year.

This is a short list, and it may be too late this time. Will try to supply some notes from now on.

Very truly yours,
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