

Nicholas,

Fall Field Report

Due to the poor water conditions here all Waterfowl and Shorebirds were in small numbers.

Raptor sights were poor. All sightings were down from last year, with exception of American Kestrel, which makes up for a poor Spring. The main movement of Kestrel was between Sept. 22 and Oct. 3, when 24 were banded.

A Saw-whet Owl was seen in N.E. Polk County.

No buildup of Purple Martins in this area, even tho it was a good year. Good sightings of Cliff and Tree Swallows.

Large buildup of Bluebirds in area no doubt due to my success on Bluebird Trail.

A Carolina Wren was singing in N.E. Polk County Nov. 1st.

Very poor Warbler and Vireo sightings. Sparrow sighting seemed to be good and was a week earlier than last year.

Largest kill at Alleman TV Tower Site came on Sept. 29th. With 100 birds. Total for this year was 301. Altho this is up slightly from last year, that is a drastic drop from the previous 2 years when between fifteen and sixteen hundred birds were killed.

I talked to Vern Kleen at I.B.B.A. Meeting. He said you would be sending him notes from our Iowa Field Reports and I need not send him a report for American Birds anymore.

Good birding,

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PS; First Small flock of Snow Bunting seen Nov. 28 in N.W. Polk County.