

Subj: **Harrier nest**
Date: 6/3/99 3:44:51 PM Central Daylight Time
From: oldcoot@iastate.edu (James J Dinsmore)
To: Thkent@AOL.COM

Tom

Got this message this morning. Interesting nest find. Mark Leoschke ✓
works for the Iowa DNR and although mainly interested in plants, also
knows his birds well.

I sold two copies of Birds in Iowa and will send the check along to you
in next day or so. Also will try to dredge up some expenses I had for
the book but really not much to report.

jim

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Hi Jim,

I found a northern harrier nest at Hayden Prairie State Preserve in ✓
Howard County this past Saturday morning (May 29, 1999). It had 6 off
white eggs. I was walking down a drainageway looking for interesting
plants when a female (who I had earlier seen flying over the prairie)
flushed 10-15 feet from me. She looked in the clump of quaking
aspen/willow that she had come from and saw the nest. I have been going
to Hayden Prairie for 18 years and have seen northern harriers many
times there, but this is the first time I have found a nest at this
prairie (I found a nest with light blue eggs in South Dakota— one was
starting to hatch. I also found a nest with light blue eggs and one
with young in Minnesota).

Send me an e-mail if you have questions.

Botanically yours,

Mark L.

Subj: **Burrowing Owl**
Date: 6/7/99 10:46:06 AM Central Daylight Time
From: oldcoot@iastate.edu (James J Dinsmore)
To: Thkent@AOL.COM

Tom

I heard back from Rick Lampe relative to the Burrowing Owl. Here is his message. Not a great description but certainly sounds like a Burrowing Owl to me.

jim

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Jim,

Here is the location of the sighting. 3 mi. S, 1/2 mi. W Alta (SE 1/4 =
sec. 10, T. 90N, R. 38W), Buena Vista Co., Iowa.

I drove past this location several times but never saw anything. The =
student described a small, long legged bird with a round head. He thought =
that it was an owl because of its "strange" appearance and flight. He saw =
it walk out of the badger burrow and stand on the mound of dirt. =20

He later mentioned that he did not see the bird more than once.

Hope that this helps....sorry that it's not more conclusive.

Yes, the summer is gaining momentum. Our first wedding is this =
coming Saturday. Our daughter gets married then. Our second wedding is =
August 7....our son gets married then. In between,.....who knows, I'll =
try to get some projects started as I'm just getting back into my science =
"stuff". =20

Best wishes.

Rick

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