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Hi, want to send in a brief report before we leave for Hawaii this week-end. will be for two weeks. Hope I get some bird Pics. At least a few.

Field Report

12-1-76 Common Bobwhites: a bevy of 10 or more south of Newton.

12-6-76 Oregon Juncos: 4 arrived at a Newton residence to stay thru Jan '77 Beautiful birds!

12-15-76 Photographed Snowy Owl in plow field southwest of Pleasantville.Mockingbirds: one in Jasper County --one, ~~north\*shore\*~~<sup>and one in</sup> Redrock\*Lake\* Marion County

Northern Harrier, Marsh Hawk, female ...North shore of Red Rock Lake.

I am very concerned about the very few Hawks and Owls I see while in the fields. Gladys Black and I try watch for them in Marion and Jasper County and we have very little to put in our records. I cover many counties, north and south from Newton when wife and I drive in many areas of Iowa. A year ago we saw many Kestrels (Sparrow Hawks) . But last fall and this winter we see one only once in a while. We often drive to Centerville to visit relatives, if we see one or two now we are lucky on that drive. *Maybe we've had*

*as many as 16 Kestrels for the record on the 80 mile drive*

Very Sincerely,

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