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Dear Sir,

According to Iowa Bird Life, we should send Field Notes on Birds for Fall to you. I have a few notes as follows.

BALD EAGLE - Bob Leonard reports seeing 2 birds for several days near his farm in mid-September. He lives 3 mi. west and 4 miles North of Lamoni. There are 2 pig hatcheries within 2 miles of his farm. (Bob is a long time acquaintance of Gladys Black.)

NORTHERN HARRIER - 2 observed here for several days after Sept. 22 and occasionally since.

BUTEOS - On Nov. 12 we drove from Council Bluffs to Des Moines in fore noon on I-80 and observed 19 Buteos all perched on posts or trees near highway. Mostly Red-tailed Hawks, at 55 mp. h., cannot identify every bird positively.

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE - Very scarce this fall. Have seen only about 3 times all fall.

PINE GROSBEAK Jeff Livingston and JOE BRESHEARS found 1 in Lamoni Nov. 8 and saw one again a few days later. Was an immature male. (Jeff is a licensed bird bander).

BREWER BLACKBIRD - I was plowing alfalfa sod Nov. 8. There were 18 of these feeding on the plowed ground. About 2/3 yellow eyed males and 1/3 dull plumage females. I got as close as 12 feet in the tractor at times. Brewer blackbirds are always by themselves and not with other species of blackbirds. About every year I see small groups like this out in field in April and in November.

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(all hawks scarce here this fall.)

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