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Dear Mr. Kleen:

Winter has really set in the past couple of days. Let's hope it is not a sign of things to come. Fall weather was very nice on the whole, with the first hard freeze coming September 22. A large wave of migrants occurred October 12-13. Both Kinglets, White-Throats, Fox, Lincoln's, Swamp and Hermit Thrushes were very evident. Many were banded at Layton's that day. Turkey Vultures--many were seen early in the period, especially around Red Rock and the Des Moines River.

Accipiters--four Sharp-shinned were the only ones seen.

Red-tailed--some here, but very common at Red Rock, 30 miles away.

Broad-wings--none seen.

Rough-legged--one seen 11/3 at Lake Keomah, near Oskaloosa.

Marsh Hawk--two were seen during period.

Osprey--very bright here, for 2, possibility of four, were seen

at I.O.U. meeting in Ames 9/22. One was at Lake Keomah 10/21.

Kestrel--ten were seen during period.

Nighthawks--I keep reading of trouble with this bird. It is not evident here. They were very common early in period.

First migrating flock 8/25, later many nights hundreds could be counted. This is typical for here I understand.

Last one left 10/2.

Swifts--very abundant here, many large flocks seen, with the
last large flock seen 10/3 and last swift 10/11.
Tree Swallows--20 plus seen at Lake Keomah 10/21, rather late.
More general comments are in the enclosed checklist.

It will soon be time for the Christmas counts again.
Gladys Black and I are heading a count for Red Rock this year.
It is a wonderful place.

Would you please send me some documentation forms for
rare sightings for American Birds. I'm hoping I can use quite a
few of them. Thanks and I hope you have a good winter season.

Sincerely,

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IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

Field Check List

Date _____
Weather _____

Time _____
Locality _____

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Observers _____

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Total Species _____

The 290 species listed are birds reliably reported in Iowa five times or more within the last 20 years, 1948-68. Species names conform to the A.O.U. Check-List, 5th Ed.

LOONS

- ____ Common
____ Arctic*

GREBES

- ____ Red-necked*
____ Horned
____ Eared
____ Western*†
____ Pied-billed - good pop.

PELICANS

- ____ White

CORMORANTS

- ____ Double-crested

HERONS, BITTERNS

- ____ Great Blue
____ Green
____ Little Blue*
____ Common Egret
____ Snowy Egret*
____ Black-crowned Night
____ Yellow-crowned Night
____ Least Bittern
____ American Bittern

IBISES

- ____ White-faced*

SWANS

- ____ Whistling*

GEESE

- ____ Canada
____ White-fronted
____ Snow
____ Blue

DUCKS

- ____ Mallard
____ Black
____ Gadwall
____ Pintail
____ Green-winged Teal
____ Blue-winged Teal
____ Cinnamon Teal*†
____ American Widgeon
____ Shoveler
____ Wood
____ Redhead
____ Ring-necked
____ Canvasback
____ Lesser Scaup
____ Common Goldeneye
____ Bufflehead
____ Oldsquaw*
____ White-winged Scoter*
____ Surf Scoter*
____ Ruddy
____ Hooded Merganser
____ Common Merganser
____ Red-breasted Merganser

VULTURES, HAWKS

- ___ Turkey Vulture
- ___ Goshawk*
- ___ Sharp-shinned
- ___ Cooper's
- ___ Red-tailed
- ___ Red-shouldered
- ___ Broad-winged
- ___ Swainson's
- ___ Rough-legged
- ___ Golden Eagle*
- ___ Bald Eagle
- ___ Marsh
- ___ Osprey
- ___ Prairie Falcon*†
- ___ Peregrine Falcon*
- ___ Pigeon*
- ___ Sparrow

GROUSE, QUAIL, PHEASANTS

- ___ Ruffed Grouse
- ___ Bobwhite
- ___ Ring-necked Pheasant
- ___ Gray Partridge

TURKEYS

- ___ Turkey

CRANES, RAILS, COOTS

- ___ Sandhill Crane*†
- ___ King Rail
- ___ Virginia Rail
- ___ Sora
- ___ Yellow Rail*
- ___ Black Rail*
- ___ Common Gallinule
- ___ American Coot - good

PLOVERS

- ___ Semipalmated
- ___ Piping*
- ___ Killdeer - few
- ___ American Golden
- ___ Black-bellied
- ___ Ruddy Turnstone

SANDPIPERS, etc.

- ___ American Woodcock
- ___ Common Snipe
- ___ Whimbrel*
- ___ Upland Plover
- ___ Spotted
- ___ Solitary
- ___ Willet
- ___ Greater Yellowlegs
- ___ Lesser Yellowlegs
- ___ Pectoral
- ___ White-rumped
- ___ Baird's
- ___ Least
- ___ Dunlin
- ___ Dowitcher (sp.)
- ___ Stilt
- ___ Semipalmated
- ___ Western*
- ___ Buff-breasted*
- ___ Marbled Godwit*
- ___ Hudsonian Godwit
- ___ Sanderling
- ___ American Avocet*†
- ___ Wilson's Phalarope
- ___ Northern Phalarope

GULLS

- ___ Glaucous*
- ___ Herring
- ___ Ring-billed - good
- ___ Franklin's
- ___ Bonaparte's

TERNs

- ___ Forster's
- ___ Common
- ___ Least*
- ___ Caspian
- ___ Black

DOVES

- ___ Mourning - fair

CUCKOOS

- ___ Yellow-billed
- ___ Black-billed

OWLS

- ___ Barn*
- ___ Screech
- ___ Great Horned - good
- ___ Snowy* - good pop.
- ___ Burrowing*†
- ___ Barred
- ___ Long-eared
- ___ Short-eared
- ___ Saw-whet

GOATSUCKERS, etc.

- ___ Whip-poor-will
- ___ Common Nighthawk - good
- ___ Chimney Swift - excellent
- ___ Ruby-thr. Hummingbird - one only
- ___ Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS

- ___ Yellow-shafted Flicker
- ___ Red-shafted Flicker*†
- ___ Pileated
- ___ Red-bellied - seen to disappear
- ___ Red-headed -
- ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- ___ Hairy
- ___ Downy

FLYCATCHERS

- ___ Eastern Kingbird
- ___ Western Kingbird*†
- ___ Scissor-tailed*†
- ___ Great Crested
- ___ Eastern Phoebe
- ___ Say's Phoebe*†
- ___ Yellow-bellied*
- ___ Acadian
- ___ Traill's
- ___ Least
- ___ Eastern Wood Pewee
- ___ Olive-sided

LARKS, SWALLOWS

- ___ Horned Lark
- ___ Tree
- ___ Bank
- ___ Rough-winged
- ___ Barn - last seen 9/29
- ___ Cliff
- ___ Purple Martin

JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS

- ___ Blue Jay - good pop
- ___ Black-billed Magpie*†
- ___ Common Raven*
- ___ Common Crow - way up

TITMICE

- ___ Black-capped Chickadee
- ___ Tufted Titmouse

NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS

- ___ White-breasted Nuthatch
- ___ Red-breasted Nuthatch - fair
- ___ Brown Creeper

WRENS

- ___ House
- ___ Winter
- ___ Bewick's*
- ___ Carolina
- ___ Long-billed Marsh
- ___ Short-billed Marsh

MIMICS

- ___ Mockingbird
- ___ Catbird
- ___ Brown Thrasher

THRUSHES

- ___ Robin - good
- ___ Wood
- ___ Hermit - good
- ___ Swainson's
- ___ Gray-cheeked
- ___ Veery
- ___ Eastern Bluebird - few
- ___ Townsend's Solitaire*†

GNATCATCHERS, KINGLETS

- ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet - very
- ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet

PIPITS, WAXWINGS

- ___ Water Pipit -
- ___ Sprague's Pipit*†
- ___ Bohemian Waxwing
- ___ Cedar Waxwing

SHRIKES

- ___ Northern*
- ___ Loggerhead - fair

STARLINGS

- ___ Starling

*Rare, but are seen more than once in 5 years.

†Western species reaching Iowa.

VIROFS

- ___ White-eyed*
- ___ Bell's
- ___ Yellow-throated
- ___ Solitary
- ___ Red-eyed
- ___ Philadelphia*
- ___ Warbling

WARBLERS

- ___ Black-and-white
- ___ Prothonotary
- ___ Worm-eating*
- ___ Golden-winged
- ___ Blue-winged
- ___ Tennessee
- ___ Orange-crowned
- ___ Nashville
- ___ Parula
- ___ Yellow
- ___ Magnolia
- ___ Cape May
- ___ Black-throated Blue*
- ___ Myrtle - good
- ___ Black-throated Green
- ___ Cerulean
- ___ Blackburnian
- ___ Chestnut-sided
- ___ Bay-breasted
- ___ Blackpoll
- ___ Pine
- ___ Palm
- ___ Ovenbird
- ___ Northern Waterthrush
- ___ Louisiana Waterthrush*
- ___ Kentucky
- ___ Connecticut*
- ___ Mourning
- ___ Yellowthroat
- ___ Yellow-breasted Chat
- ___ Hooded*
- ___ Wilson's
- ___ Canada
- ___ American Redstart

WEAVER FINCHES

- ___ House Sparrow

BLACKBIRDS

- ___ Bobolink
- ___ Eastern Meadowlark
- ___ Western Meadowlark

- ___ Yellow-headed
- ___ Red-winged
- ___ Orchard Oriole
- ___ Baltimore Oriole
- ___ Rusty
- ___ Brewer's†
- ___ Common Grackle
- ___ Brown-headed Cowbird

TANAGERS

- ___ Scarlet
- ___ Summer

FINCHES, SPARROWS

- ___ Cardinal
- ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- ___ Blue Grosbeak*†
- ___ Indigo Bunting
- ___ Lazuli Bunting*†
- ___ Dickcissel
- ___ Evening Grosbeak*
- ___ Purple Finch 2
- ___ Pine Grosbeak*
- ___ Common Redpoll
- ___ Pine Siskin
- ___ American Goldfinch
- ___ Red Crossbill*
- ___ White-winged Crossbill*
- ___ Rufous-sided Towhee
- ___ Lark Bunting*†
- ___ Savannah
- ___ Grasshopper
- ___ LeConte's*
- ___ Henslow's*
- ___ Sharp-tailed*
- ___ Vesper
- ___ Lark
- ___ Slate-colored Junco - hundreds
- ___ Tree - good 10/17
- ___ Chipping - 50-9/26 migrating
- ___ Clay-colored
- ___ Field
- ___ Harris - one banded 11/3 LAYTON
- ___ White-crowned
- ___ White-throated - good
- ___ Fox
- ___ Lincoln's
- ___ Swamp
- ___ Song
- ___ Lapland Longspur
- ___ Snow Bunting*

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EXCEPT

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