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Dear Tom,

I will be spending the summer here in Iowa City. Enroute here from Chicago I found a few birds of some interest.

✓ Upland Sandpiper: Lincoln Township, Johnson Co., May 27.

One bird in a field at north~~west~~<sup>west</sup> corner of intersection of north-south road bisecting Sect. 11 and east-west road bordering Sect. 11 on the south. This species has been seen here, or in a similar field 1½ mi. farther east, for the past four years.

✓ Acadian Flycatcher - Several singing birds in Devil's Punchbowl area of Wildcat Den State Park, Muscatine Co., on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

do you know which species this is?

"Traill's" Flycatcher - One *epidonax* was seen and heard in Hickory Hill Park, Iowa City, on 28 May, that did not sing "fi-ty bew" in the ~ forty

songs given during fifteen minutes of observation. Whether the song that was given was the Willow's "wie viel" or the Alder's "fee bee-o" I am not certain, mainly because I have never heard a bird I was certain was an Alder.

Do you receive enough information on this problem to see any pattern in the observations?

- ✓ E. Bluebird - 1 male <sup>on May 27</sup> in fence-row hedge ~ 1/4 mi. north of intersection of Co. rt. F62 and road between sections 14 and 15 of Lincoln Township, Johnson Co.
- ✓ Loggerhead Shrike - One seen at intersection located at northwest corner of section 14, Lincoln Township, Johnson Co., on May 27. Several shrikes were seen at this location on a breeding bird route coverage in early June, 1979 and three were seen ~ 1 mi. farther south in early August, 1977.
- ✓ Kentucky Warbler - A singing bird, also seen, in Devil's Punch Bowl area of Wildcat Den State Park, Muscatine Co., on May 27.

Sincerely, Rich DeCoster