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First, my Field Reports, such as they are...

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Broad-winged Hawk	1 adult	1 June	Lick Creek Unit, Shimek S.F., Lee Co,
Upland Sandpiper	5	27 June	northern Worth Co.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Pair	22 July	Greenwood Park, Des Moines. Copulating
Pileated Woodpecker	1	22 July	Greenwood Park, Des Moines, Polk Co.
White-eyed Vireo	1	17 June	nr. Waterworks Park, Des Moines, Polk Co.
Northern Parula	2	17 June	Waterworks Park, Des Moines, Lee Co.

That's it, despite going out every weekend morning.

Also, I appreciate your work on the Bird Areas committee, and apologize for my failures to get back to you on the questions. I actually studied the information, but just didn't find anything that moved me to comment. I think there is a lesson for me here, assuming that, at age 53, I am still young enough to learn them. This kind of came to light for me as a result of the Karl Jungbluth post about the IOU and its publications, which I think I forwarded on to you. I thought it merited a fairly spirited response, which I fired off a couple of days later, also sending you a copy as I recall. The lesson - if I think there is a problem, you will here from me forthwith - if not, you can assume that you have my quiet concurrence. Anyway, I appreciate your indulgence, and hope that you will continue to include me in the work.

On a semi-related subject, I am enclosing a copy of an article from Birdscope (Cornell Lab of Ornithology) dealing with the Bewick's Wren decline. I assume you get this, but just in case...

And, I heard that Steve got a job in Mississippi (?). It sounds like an excellent position and I am happy for him, but must admit that my first thoughts were a little more selfish, like, will he still be able to do Saylorville and Keokuk CBCs, will he still be able to go to Mexico, and will he still be able to do the CBC report for IBL? I suppose if the answer is no, we will be able to get along without him, but it won't be as easy, and it won't be as fun.

John is doing fine and is kind of transitioning into being a senior, I think. Made the Dean's list last semester, and is actually making enough money to support himself. Little Mary has decided to go to college this fall. Her strategy was to select the neatest town in Iowa, then go to the community college there. Dubuque. It's fine with me - the important thing was for her to get into college.

Hope to see you at the fall IOU meeting. Want to go to Mexico sometime??

Bob Cecil