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Dear Dr. Kent:

Here is my report of sightings for the spring, 1980, season. I'm sorry it contains no passerine sightings of note, but as much of my birding is done while on the job, our recent ordered mileage reductions on state vehicles has kept me in the office more this spring, and has also resulted in more intensified work schedules when I do get to the field. Thus my entire report is rather skimpy. It is also being completed prior to end of the reporting period due to a tight schedule around June 1.

<u>Species</u>	<u>date</u>	<u>location & notes</u>
Great Egret	5-14-80	Rush Lake (Osceola Co)--quite far west!
Bl. Cr. Night Her.	4-29-80	Lake Pahoja Co. Park, Lyon Co.--3 birds
Bl. Cr. Night Her.	5-14-80	Rush Lake (Osceola Co)--5 birds
American Bittern	5-1-80	Rush Lake (" ")
Canvasbacks	5-14-80	Rush Lake (" ")--1 pr., suspected of possibly nesting
<u>Canvasbacks</u>	late Mar.- early Apr.	Est. 600 birds of West Hottes Lake, Dickinson Co.--stayed about 3 weeks, a long period for such large numbers
Bald Eagle	3-24-80	West Hottes Lake (Dickinson Co.)--adult
Upland Sandpipers	5-20-80	one each in two separate locations, NE and SE of Melvin, Osceola Co.
Upland Sandpipers	5-22-80	one pair, near Superior, Dickinson Co.
Golden Plovers	5-14-80	Est. 275-300 in 4 flocks, Spring Run Wildlife Mgmt. Area, SE of Spirit Lake.
Forsters Terns	5-1-80	Rush Lake, (Osceola Co.)--several
Long-eared Owl	4-21-80	reported injured and turned in to Ron Spengler of Osceola Co. Cons. Bd. (Ocheyedan) and released later same day.
Short-eared Owl	3-19-80	2 mi. SW of Lake Park (Dickinson Co.)

Sincerely,

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