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Wildlife Research Station R. R. #1 Boone, IA 50036 11 August 1980

Thomas Kent 211 Richards Street Iowa City, IA 52240

Dear Tom:

Summer seems to go on forever in this heat, and the deadline for field reports more than squeaked past me. I hope these comments are helpful, if less objective than spring reports.

Slides of the young turkey vultures and their destroyed nest are not yet processed. I hope to be able to provide them with a short note on their discovery, rehabilitation, banding and release in a month or so. Ops! We dead furkey vultures!

I would not stake my professional reputation upon my tentative identification of those shorebirds as Wilson's phalaropes. Range maps, habitat and coloration lend credence to this identification, however. Perhaps future observations will clarify this issue.

Thank you again for this opportunity to contribute.

Sincerely,

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	SEASON: Summer (June-July	y)		personne1
early	YEAR: 1980			
	WEATHER/HABITAT: describe			
	SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
	Hooded Merganser	3	1 July	see Dalziel's report of brood sighting, attached.
	Turkey Vulture	18	July	fewer in Ledges S.P.than last year (27)
	(Turkey Vulture	2	6 Aug	2/3 grown young found in blown-down soft maple
				along Skunk River near Maxwell by Joe Falvey
				and Larry Link; being rehabilitated for release
				at WRS.)
	Bald Eagle???	1	2 June	Dave Anderson, of Marshalltown Times-Republican
				reported this bird at VanSyke riffles on Iowa
				River near Liscomb (Dinsmore and Kurtz were going
				to check it out). He reported another near
				Montour 2 months previous.
	Leukistic Red-tailed Hawk	1	31 July	by Don Huff: "pale tail, white head, brown
			-	splotches on back and belly." Worth Twp, Boone Co
	American Kestrel	4+	17 July	Paul Bartelt reported a nest with young fledging
				in NE Dallas County
	Common Bobwhite	3	June-Jul	y more birds calling once again around WRS. None
				last year.
	Killdeer			numbers seem increased this year
	(Upland Sandpiper	1	5 Aug	in field in S. Hamilton Co. (pheasant route)
				-Neil Heiser reports "migration" of B.l. starting
	7			along Missouri River; sees group of 10-12 birds
				each August.)
early report	(Wilson's Phalarope?	2	6 Aug	on Skunk River meander near Maxwell; white rump,
1				long yellowish legs, brown back and sides; seemed
				less vermiculated than yellowlegs, with more
				ventral white. Seen at 60-75 m, unaided.)

YEAR:			
			eatures at bottom of page
SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	3 July	Bruce Ehresman found nest at Ledges S.P we
			have heard many more cuckoos than in previous
			years.
Black-billed Cuckoo	1	June	Ken Varland found nest near Camp Hantesa,
			Boone Co., (monitored 29 May through 20 June)
Burrowing Owl	2	17 June	Breeding pair, with one egg in burrow entrance,
			was found in S. Adair Co. by County Conserv.
			Board personnel <u>(fide</u> George Cox)
American Robin			4 nest records from WRS shrubbery
Eastern Bluebird	11	June-Jul	A pair broughtoff two clutches (4 and 5) young
			in nest boxes at WRS
Red-winged Blackbird			many nests in Ledges floodplain(17 nest records
			some destroyed in June floods.
Brown-headed Cowbird			parasitized 5 of 21 nests in Ledges floodplain
Dickcissel		July	8 nest records from Ledges floodplain; abundant
Chipping Sparrow			5 nest records from WRS shrubbery; abundant
Song Sparrow			1 nest record from Ledges floodplain; fledgling
			examined 8 August; common
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