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Thomas Kent
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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. *Oops! We don't band turkey 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)

YEAR: 1980

WEATHER/HABITAT: describe any unusual features at bottom of page

early report

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-July	more birds calling once again around WRS. None last year.
Killdeer			numbers seem increased this year
early report (Upland Sandpiper	1	5 Aug	in field in S. Hamilton Co. (pheasant route) -Neil Heiser reports "migration" of B.I. starting 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, long yellowish legs, brown back and sides; seemed less vermiculated than yellowlegs, with more ventral white. Seen at 60-75 m, unaided.)

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