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DEAR TOM:

ENCLOSED IS MY SUMMER REPORT OF SIGHTINGS. HOPEFULLY IT WILL REACH YOU IN TIME FOR INCLUSION IN YOUR REPORT TO AMERICAN BIRDS. ALSO ENCLOSED ARE THREE MAPS OF SWEET MARSH THAT YOU SAID YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE. I STILL HAVE NOT GOT A PRINT MADE OF THE OLDSQUAW AS I SAID I WOULD BUT SHOULD HAVE YOU ONE SOON.

I HOPE EVERYTHING IN THE REPORT FOLLOWING IS UP TO YOUR STANDARDS (AND MINE). IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS YOU CAN REACH ME AT (319) 232-0217 AT HOME AFTER 5:30 OR AT (319) 232-6621 AT WORK FROM 8:00 - 5:00.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADD WHAT SIGHTINGS I CAN TO THOSE YOU ALREADY HAVE.

SINCERELY,

Francis M. Moon

CONTRIBUTOR: Francis L. MooreOTHER OBSERVERS: Bob Myers on 6/28/80,
7/4/80, 7/19/80, and 7/26/80.SEASON: Summer 1980YEAR: 1980

WEATHER/HABITAT: describe any unusual features at bottom of page Most of the time - sunny, hot.

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN	14	6/21/80	Forneys Lake, Fremont Co.
LEAST BITTERN	1	6/21/80	Willow Slough, Mills Co.
<u>GREATER WHITE FRONTED GOOSE</u>	2	6/21/80	Forneys Lake. Late migrants?
<u>SNOW GOOSE</u>	4	6/21/80	Forneys Lake. 2 white and 2 blue phase. Again, late migrants?
WOOD DUCK			A good number of broods at Forneys Lake, Willow Slough, Sweet Marsh, Dudgeon Lake, and along Cedar River by George Wyth S.P.
TURKEY VULTURE			Common across Southern Iowa a few seen North of I-80.
<u>RED-SHOULDERED HAWK</u>	1	6/14/80	Lacey-Keosauqua S.P.
BROAD-WINGED HAWK	1	6/21/80	Manti Woods
AMERICAN KESTREL	1	6/14/80	Near Bloomfield
" "	3	6/21/80	Near Forney's Lake; 1 a deep rufous red color.
" "	2	6/28/80	Near Brush Creek Canyon
COMMON BOBWHITE	3	6/14/80	males calling near Lacey Keosauqua S.P.
" "	5	6/21/80	Fremont and Mills Co.'s.
" "	3	7/4/80	Males calling near Dudgeon Park
SORA	2	6/28/80	Flushed at Sweet Marsh on E. side.
UPLAND SANDPIPER			Very Common in Davis Co. and S.W. Iowa Co's.
AMERICAN WOODCOCK	1	6/21/80	Almost landed on me at Waubonsie S.P. ^{No more than 2 feet away}
SANDERLING	1	7/26/80	Sand Pit area in N. Waterloo; see documentation form. Bob Myers was other observer.
FORSTER'S TERN	1	7/19/80	Sweet Marsh; See note following.
<u>COMMON TERN</u>	1	7/19/80	Sweet Marsh; See note following.

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BLACK TERN	12	7/19/80	Sweet Marsh
			The above Forster's and Common Terns were seen at the same time with the Black Terns so good comparison between the two. The whiter areas in the primaries was evident in the Forsters. Both also called and gave completely different calls, one the call of a Common Tern and the other the call of a Forster's Tern. Seen at approx. 100'-200 feet (Closest distance) with 7x35mm Bausch + Lomb Roof Prism Binoculars with Bob Myers.
<u>CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW</u>	2	7/21/80	Heard on NE corner of Waubonsie S.P. on tip from Joe Schaufenbuel.
BELTED KINGFISHER			At least 1 or 2 seen on each trip out during June and July around right type of habitat.
EASTERN PHOEBE			Several found on trips to S. Iowa.
ACADIAN FLYCATCHER	6	6/14/80	Lacey-Keosauqua S.P.
WILLOW FLYCATCHER	2	6/21/80	Willow Slough
" "	3	6/28/80	Sweet Marsh
PURPLE MARTIN			Seen in good numbers, especially in S. Iowa

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TUFTED TITMOUSE	2	6/14/80	Lacey-Keosauqua S.P.
" "	2	6/21/80	Waubonsie S.P.
" "	4	7/4/80	Dudgeon Park
MARSH WREN	1	6/21/80	FORNEY'S Lake
" "	2	6/28/80	Sweet Marsh
NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD	1	6/15/80 6/14/80	Same bird seen both days in W. Davis Co. Good possibility of nesting though none could be found. A Mockingbird was found by me in same location last summer.
VEERY	1	6/28/80	Brush Creek Canyon. Heard and seen by me and Bob Myers.
EASTERN BLUEBIRD			Readily found across S. Iowa but extremely hard to find up North. 3 pair in Davis Co. 6/14/80 + 6/15/80. 1 pair feeding young at natural cavity near Manti Woods. 6/21/80.
LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE			Doing well in S. Iowa but not a one found in areas visited in N. Iowa.
BELL'S VIREO			Dozens in Fremont and Mills Co's. 6/21/80 near Willow Slough and Forney's Lake and along Missouri River.
" "	1	7/1/80	One singing male in North Waterloo near Airport.
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO	1	6/14/80	Lacey-Keosauqua S.P.

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PROTHONOTARY WARBLER	1	6/21/80	Riverton Wildlife Area; singing male seen
" "	4	7/4/80	Dudgeon Park; all singing males. Later in month Bob Myers saw several fledglings being feed by adult birds.
TENNESSE WARBLER	1	6/28/80	Sweet Marsh. with Bob Myers.
NORTHERN PARULA WARBLER	3	6/14/80	Lacey-Keosauqua S.P.; just singing males seen.
CERULEAN WARBLER	2	6/14/80	Lacey-Keosauqua S.P.; singing males seen.
LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH	2	6/21/80	Waubonsie S.P.; singing males.
KENTUCKY WARBLER	1	6/14/80	Lacey-Keosauqua. ♂ seen but not heard.
YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT	1	6/28/80 and 7/19/80	Sweet Marsh; Seen both times with Bob Myers but not heard. Tom + Tom, Jr. Stone thinks there is good possibility of nest but could not find one. They said they saw 2 adults at same place.
<u>CANADA WARBLER</u>	1	6/21/80	Waubonsie S.P. View leisurely at approx. 50 feet with 7X35 mm. B+L Roof Prism Binoculars for about 5 minutes. <u>Good</u> faint necklace indicating ♀ bird.
YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER	2	6/14/80	Lacey-Keosauqua S.P. at Ely Ford. Must have been ♂ + ♀ seen together. If documentation need please let me know and I will be glad to do so.

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EASTERN MEADOWLARK			Still doing very well in S.E. Iowa but a lot more Westerns showing up than used to be. Several heard around the Waterloo area.
<u>YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD</u>			A big decline in numbers due to Fish and Wildlife Service and/or Conservation Commission management methods. Before long will be none at Sweet Marsh, Forney's Lake, Willow Slough. None seen at Cardinal Marsh, Otter Creek Marsh. They need help!!
ORCHARD ORIOLE	2	6/14/80	At nest in Davis Co.
	2	6/21/80	Near Forney's Lake.
SUMMER TANAGER	1	6/21/80	A singing male at Waubesaie S.P.
BLUE GROSBEAK	1	6/21/80	Singing male near Forney's Lake.
DICKCISSEL			Extremely common in S. Iowa. Common in N. Iowa. Not nearly as common in S. Iowa as they should be. Seems as though numbers are declining. Used to see one on every other high line/power line but now have to go about every 4 th line expanse to see one.
GRASSHOPPER SPARROW			Relatively common in S. Iowa. Not as common around Waterloo area.
VESPER SPARROW			Found easily in SE and S. Central Iowa

