

Hi Jim,

Here's my summer field report and a photo of the Cooper's Hawk Hedglings. (You don't have to send the photo back I have extra copies)

Congrats on your early retirement. As one of your former students I know that future ornithology students will feel your absence.

Hope you have a great retirement and add lots of birds to your lists. See you on a marsh,

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Field Report Form

For submitting seasonal
Observations of Iowa Birds
Season: Summer
Year: 2002

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<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location-Comment</u>
Common Loon	3	7-26-02	Big Spirit Lake-Dickinson County 2 immatures and 1 adult in transition from alternate to basic plumage.
Osprey	2	6-22-02	Female Osprey w/ black leg band white letters BT ended up laying one egg that failed to hatch. This nest was on the platform and pole the DNR put up near the Spirit Lake Schools. This is the same bird that was at Caylor Praire last year whose nest failed possibly due to a severe storm. As I write this the pair is still hanging around the nest, adding sticks to it and also on the lights of the nearby ballfield.
Osprey	1	7-28-02	On DNR platform out at Caylor praire
Cooper's Hawk	5	7-9-02	4 Fledglings and one adult at the Kettleon-Hogsback wildlife area. 3 were still in the nest (See photo) and one was on a nearby limb. The adult was ka-ka-ka-ing at me as it flew nearby.
Cooper's Hawk	2	7-12-02	Today as I approached the nest the adult screamed at me and flew away. No young were in the nest. I was able to find only one young. It was sitting up high on a branch of the nest tree. I then found the remains of one of the young on a nearby trail about 30 yds from the nest.
Ring-necked pheasant	67	7-29-02	Spring Run Area
Pectoral Sandpipers	15	7-15-02	3 miles south of Clear Lake in Cerro Gordo county on some sheet water.
Eurasian-collared dove	1	6-19-02	At Spirit Lake fish hatchery bird feeders. This bird was still being seen regularly all July.