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

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
* AMERICAN KESTREL	1	7/25	5 MI, WEST GUTHRIE CENTER; GUTHRIE COUNTY. (ALSO C.M. LAUBACH)
"	"	"	3 1/2 MI. WEST DALLAS CENTER; DALLAS CO. (ALSO C.M. LAUBACH)
* RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD	3	7/10	ASHWORTH PARK, DES MOINES FIDE MARK DIXON
* E. BLUEBIRD	6	6/5	2 AD, 4 JUV. ON SHEEDER PRAIRIE, (ALSO CM LAUBACH) GUTHRIE CO.
"	3	6/20	(ALSO C.M. LAUBACH) SAME LOCALITY
* ORCHARD ORIOLE	1	7/11	FIRST YEAR MALE; SHEEDER PRAIRIE. (ALSO C.M. LAUBACH)

LOCALITY - 5 MI. WEST GUTHRIE CENTER - 7/25

\* IN PASSING, I'LL MENTION A SIGHTING OF A DARK-BROWN BACKED FALCON, SMALLER THAN A PEREGRINE BUT LARGER THAN A KESTREL. THE WINGS WERE POINTED, THE TAIL LONG AND NARROW, APPEARING SLATE-GRAY WITH BLACKISH PARALLEL BANDS. IT WAS OBSERVED BRIEFLY FLYING FROM SHRUBBY COVER WITH SOMETHING IN ITS TALONS. IT FLEW SWIFTLY IN FRONT OF OUR CAR AND VERY LOW (2' OR LESS) ABOVE THE GRAVEL ROAD AND THEN DISSAPPEARED OVER (OR INTO) AN ADJACENT CORNFIELD. NO FACIAL MARKINGS OR UNDERSIDE COLORATION WAS SEEN. BOTH CHRIS AND I OBSERVED IT. WAS THIS A MERLIN? I'M NOT SURE. (OVER)

A Kestrel and A Redtailed hawk were observed very near by and at the same time.

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PARSONS KESTREL	1	7/25	5 MI. WEST GUTHRIE CENTER, ANTWERP COUNTY, MISS. (M. MARKS)
"	"	"	5.5 MI. WEST GUTHRIE CENTER, ANTWERP COUNTY, MISS. (M. MARKS)
FLY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD	3	7/10	ANTWERP PLACE, DES MOINES
E. BLUEBIRD	6	6/5	2 AD, 4 JUV. ON SHEEDS PRAIRIE, (MISS. ON WING) GUTHRIE CO.
"	3	6/20	ANTWERP PLACE, DES MOINES
ORCHARD ORIOLE	1	7/11	FIRST YEAR MALE, SHEEDS PRAIRIE (MISS. ON WING)

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