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Thomas H. Kent
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Dear Dr. Kent:

Enclosed is a list of spring bird observations in the Clear Lake area by myself and other Iowa Conservation Commission employees. I don't know if they are noteworthy, but from among our observations I tried to pick the ones that might be worth mentioning because of the date, species, or numbers. I think I was to have sent this a few days earlier, but I was gone for several days.

✓ Are golden-winged warblers a common breeding species in Iowa? I noted a singing male on June 11 in the White Breast Unit of Stephens State Forest southwest of Lucas. This identification was by call only as I was engaged in other work and had no binoculars. I thought I would at least mention it so that someone else could check on it if it's unusual enough to be worth doing so. The area was new to me, so if someone wanted directions to that particular location I suggest that they call Jim Wooley or Bill Rybarczyk (515/774-2958) at the Conservation Commission's Chariton Research Station. They were with me at the time.

Sincerely,

Jim Hansen

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Enclosure
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*note sent + forms
6/11/82*

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OTHER OBSERVERS: See below

SEASON: Spring

YEAR: 1982

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

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
short-eared owl	1	March 27	Zirbel Slough, Cerro Gordo Co. - Steve Schutte
rusty blackbird	1	April 4	McIntosh State Park, Cerro Gordo Co. - JLH
LeConte's sparrow	1	April 22	Ventura Marsh W.A., Cerro Gordo Co. - Fred Heinz & Bill Ohde
bobolink (1st male)	1	May 3	McIntosh W.A., Cerro Gordo Co. - JLH
double-crested cormorant	97	May 7	McIntosh W.A., " " " - Fred Heinz & Dave Vales
✓ yellow-throated warbler	1	May 7	Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo Co. (seen from my steps for 5 minutes in good light, 40' away w. 7X binoculars) - JLH
black tern	70	May 12	McIntosh W.A., Cerro Gordo Co. - JLH, Dave Newhouse, & Bruce Ehresman
black-crowned night heron (♀ - not a cripple)	12	May 13	Eagle Lake, Hancock Co. - JLH, Bill Ohde, & Dave Vales
red-breasted merganser	1	May 21	Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo Co. - JLH & Bill Ohde
chestnut-sided warbler	1	May 22	Clear Lake, " " " - JLH
✓ Swainson's hawk	1	May 24	Pilot Knob St. Park, Hancock Co. - Bill Ohde, Al Hancock, & Julie Strotman
✓* Sharp-tailed sparrow	1	April 22	McIntosh W.A., Cerro Gordo Co. - Fred Heinz, Bill Ohde, & Ron Andrews
✓* Henslow's sparrow	1	May 7	Ventura Marsh W.A., Cerro Gordo Co. - Fred Heinz
✓* Henslow's sparrow	1	May 19	Ventura Marsh W.A., Cerro Gordo Co. - JLH

* Documentation enclosed.