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Dear Tom:

My banding and field work have been pretty restricted since August, but here are the reports I've received. Jim Hansen, our Waterfowl Biologist, is sending you other recent sightings of Snowy Owls. John Wylie (MO Dept. Conserv.) reported several snowies have been seen already in Missouri, also; another invasion could be on.

I couldn't identify the large sandpipers (NOT killdeer) on Lakin Slough through the heavy snow, nor could I get closer through the mud. I thought I'd lost my sanity when I spotted the hummingbird at our south station windows last Thursday, but I saw it twice, and Lee Gladfelter saw it once.

One of the Wilson's Warblers netted and banded in late August had a large protuberant growth on the back of its head, but it acted normally. Is this common?

Thanks again for the opportunity for input.

Sincerely,

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