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Tom Kent, Field Reports Editor 211 Richards Iowa City, IA 52240

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,

David A. Newhouse

Wildlife Research Biologist

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Dave Newhouse, ICC CONTRIBUTOR: OTHER OBSERVERS: SEASON: Fall Migration YEAR: 1980 WEATHER/HABITAT: describe any unusual features at bottom of page SPECIES NO. DATE LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS Des Momes R. - Ladges S.P. (fishermon) 21 NOV ✓ Whistling Swan 1 late Sept. Dickcissel Lake, Boone: also seen by L.&G. Crim until ∿ ✓ Turkey Vulture 21 21 Oct Ledges St. Park; down on rd in Aug. indicates reproduction Broad-winged Hawk 1 7 Aug Juvenile seen near nest, Ledges St. Pk-Paul Bartelt Unknown large Sandpipers 20 27 Oct at Lakin Slough, Guthrie Co.; foraging in heavy snowstorm with Franklin's Gull at Lakin Slough, Guthrie Co.; foraging in 6 27 Oct heavy snowstorm Snowy Owl Eagle Lake, Hancock Co. -- Jim Kienzler 1 31 Oct Snowy Owl 1 10 Nov Bradford, Franklin Co. --Carl Priebe (road kill) Snowy Owl 1 10 Nov Rockwell, Cerro Gordo Co -- Carl Priebe (wing broken) Ruby-throated hummingbird 1 20 Nov WRS, Ledges St. Pk - seen at window! 22 Aug -Eastern Phoebe 5 2 Sept. Good local production, still in area - Ledges SP Eastern Bluebird 3 19 Nov Ledges St. Pk. - some of 3 local broods still here Yellow Warbler 1 22 Aug Local breeding adult still here - Ledges St. Pk 22 Aug, Wilson's Warbler 2 2 Sept Ledges St. Pk.