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Dear Mr. Kent:

Enclosed is my first contribution to I.B.L. Field Reports. I sighted no rare species during my numerous but primarily brief outings yet I have endeavored to list all sightings of species considered uncommon. Observations of "blue-listed" species are included, since the monitoring of the relative abundance of these species seems worthy of note.

I endeavored to list the sightings taxonomically per the I.O.U. Field Check list. Several "afterthoughts" are listed however out of sequence toward the bottom of the page.

I will continue to submit reports in the months to come and look forward very much to receiving the December issue of Iowa Bird Life.

Sincerely,  
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 SEASON: FALL  
 YEAR: 1980

OTHER OBSERVERS: CHRISTYNA M. LAUBACH  
(MY BANDING SUBPERMITEE), SHARON  
SCROGG (SS), ALSO A SCIENCE CENTER  
EMPLOYEE,

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

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK	1	OCT. 9	POLK CO.; DES MOINES, ASHWORTH PARK; BIRD WAS A JUV. ♀ (RL)
N. HARRIER	1	SEPT. 1	GUTHRIE CO.; SHEEDER PRAIRIE PRESERVE - (RL, CML) 5 mi. W., 1 mi. N. GUTHRIE CENTER
A. KESTREL	1	OCT. 12	GUTHRIE CO.; SHEEDER PRAIRIE (CML)
see also below RED-HEADED <sup>WOOD-</sup> PECKER	1	NOV. 19	POLK CO.; DES MOINES, ASHWORTH PARK. TWO BIRDS MAY BE OVERWINTERING - A NUMBER DID SO LAST YEAR. (RL, CML) <span style="float: right;">AT LEAST</span>
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER	2	(1) NOV. 19 (1) NOV. 15	POLK CO.; DES MOINES, ASHWORTH PARK (JUV. PLUMAGE) (RL) POLK CO.; DES MOINES (OUR BACKYARD) BANDED ♀ (RL, CML)
✓ RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH	3	(1) OCT. 21 (1) NOV. 1 (1) NOV. 2	POLK CO.; DES MOINES (BACKYARD) - BANDED ♂ (RL, CML) " " " " " ♀ (RL, CML) " " " " " - OBSERVATION (CML)
see also below BROWN CREEPER	2	(1) OCT. 29 (1) NOV. 8	POLK CO.; DES MOINES, ASHWORTH PARK (RL) " " " (BACKYARD) - BANDED (RL, CML)
✓ WINTER WREN	1	OCT. 4	POLK CO.; DES MOINES, ASHWORTH PARK (RL, CML)
✓ SWAINSON'S THRUSH	2	AUG. 31	POLK CO.; DES MOINES (BACK YARD) BANDED (RL, CML)
CEDAR WAXWING	4	(1) OCT. 22 (3) NOV. 9	POLK CO.; DES MOINES, ASHWORTH PARK (1 BIRD IN JUV. PLUMAGE) (RL) " " " BACKYARD (RL)
YELLOW WARBLER	1	SEPT. 7	POLK CO.; DES MOINES, (BACKYARD) - BANDED (RL, CML)
✓ MOURNING WARBLER	1	OCT. 4	" " " " " " " " " " " "
✓ CANADA WARBLER	1	AUG. 22	" " " " " " " " " " " "
N. ORIOLE	4	(1) AUG. 31 (3) SEPT. 1	" " " " " " " " " " " "
C. GRACKLE	1	NOV. 23	GUTHRIE CO.; SHEEDER PRAIRIE PRESERVE; SIGHTING (RL, CML) POLK CO.; DES MOINES, BACKYARD (NETTED, NOT BANDED DUE TO SWOLLEN TARSII, ALSO MOUTH SOFT PARTS, LATE (RL)
GRASSHOPPER SPARROW	1	OCT. 19	POLK CO.; DES MOINES, ASHWORTH PARK. MAY OVERWINTER? STRUCK WINDOW - INJURED, RELEASED, BANDED ON 10/29. NEW GREEN - ASHWORTH PARKS CHECKLIST BIRD. (RL, CML)
N. JUNCO	74	OCT. 11 - NOV. 23	LARGE NUMBER BANDED IN BACKYARD DURING THIS PERIOD. CONTINUE TO BE VERY ABUNDANT. POLK CO.; DES MOINES (RL, CML) (20 BANDED ON 10/20).
" "	1	OCT. 3	POLK CO.; DES MOINES ASHWORTH PARK. FIRST JUNCO OF FALL SEASON SIGHTED (RL)
TURKEY VULTURE	1	SEPT. 1	GUTHRIE CO.; SHEEDER PRAIRIE PRESERVE. (RL, CML)
HAIRY WOODPECKER	2	OCT. 6 - NOV. 11	POLK CO.; DES MOINES, ASHWORTH PARK AT LEAST 1 ♂ HAS BEEN SIGHTED ON 5 OCCASIONS (2 ON ONE OCCASION) (RL)
CLIFF SWALLOWS	"SEVERAL DOZEN"	SEPT. 1	GUTHRIE CO.; SHEEDER PRAIRIE PRESERVE. (RL, CML)
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET	1	OCT. 4	POLK CO.; DES MOINES, ASHWORTH PARK - 1ST OF FALL - BANDED (RL)
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET	1	OCT. 6	" " " " " - SIGHTED (RL)
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET	1	OCT. 12	GUTHRIE CO.; SHEEDER PRAIRIE PRES - 1 SIGHTED (RL)
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER	2	NOV. 22	" " " " " - 1 banded. (RL, CML)
BROWN CREEPER	1	OCT. 12	" " " " " - 2 JV. SIGHTED
BROWN CREEPER	1	OCT. 3	POLK CO.; DES MOINES, ASHWORTH PARK (SS)

WEATHER — FALL HAS BEEN RATHER DRY WITH SEASONABLE TO MILD TEMPERATURES, A RECORD SNOWSTORM BROUGHT 7½" TO DES MOINES ON OCT. 27 (WET SNOW)