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FALL FIELD REPORT 1980

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- ✓ COMMON NIGHT HAWK - 135 TO 140 AUG 28TH IN ONE LARGE BUNCH 6 MILES SOUTH OF CHEROKEE.
- ✓ CHIMNEY SWIFT - 40 TO 50 STILL AT CHEROKEE ON OCT 5TH.
- ✓ RED HEADED WOODPECKER - LAST YEAR MANY STAYED. THIS YEAR THEY HAVE ALL LEFT.
- ✓ CLIFF SWALLOW - MOVING SOUTH IN VERY LARGE NUMBERS THROUGH THE CHEROKEE AREA AUG 17TH THRU THE 23RD. PEAK NUMBERS COUNTED ON AUG 20TH 600 TO 700 COUNTED BETWEEN 6 PM TO 7.30 PM FROM ONE LOCATION.
- ✓ RED BREASTED NUTHATCH - SEEM TO BE MORE AROUND THAN PREVIOUS YEARS. FIRST SEEN OCT 22ND. LAST PART OF NOVEMBER I WOULD ESTIMATE 6 TO 8 IN CHEROKEE FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN AND HAD REPORTED TO ME. I WAS FILLING MY FEEDER NOV. 28 AND A FEMALE LANDED ON MY SHOULDER!!
- ✓ BROWN THRASHER - 1 AT MY FEEDER NOVEMBER 27TH. CAME TWICE THAT DAY. IT ATE CORN. APPEARED HEALTHY.

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✓ EASTERN BLUE BIRD - GOOD FALL MIGRATION NUMBERS.
ON OCT 3RD I COUNTED AN UNBELIEVABLE 253 ON
A TRIP THROUGH CHEROKEE COUNTY FOLLOWING THE LITTLE
SIOWA RIVER VALLEY, A 23 MILE STRETCH.

✓ GOLDEN CROWNED KINGLET - I HAVE SEEN MORE THIS
FALL THAN ~~EVER~~ I HAVE IN YEARS, BUT THAT STILL ISN'T
MANY, A TOTAL OF ABOUT 15. LAST SEEN NOV. 29TH,

CEDAR WAXWINGS - COMMON

I HAVE NOT SEEN ANY WINTER FINCHES OR EVENING GROUSEBEAKS YET.

✓ HORNEED GREBE - 1 ON SEPT 26TH, CHEROKEE SEWAGE LAGOON

✓ WHITE PELICAN - 570 ON SEPT 9TH FLEW OVER BATTLE CREEK
IDWA.

✓ OSPREY - 2 IN CHEROKEE CITY LIMITS FOR A WEEK,
SEPT 11 THRU 19TH. AT ~~THE PARK~~

SHARPSHINNED HAWK - FIRST SEEN SEPT 13TH, LAST SEEN
NOV. 23TH CHEROKEE CO

✓ RED TAIL HAWK - 43 SEEN IN CHEROKEE CO. ON OCT 3RD.

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BROADWINGED HAWK - 7 ON SEPT 17TH IOA COUNTY

ROUGH LEGGED HAWK - SEVERAL SEEN THIS FALL BY ME
IN NW IOWA.

✓ MERLIN - REFER TO MY DOCUMENTATION SHEET.

✓ STILT SANDPIPER - 4 ON SEPT 26TH CHEROKEE SEWAGE LAGOON.

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A LIST OF BIRDS I FEEL
SHOULD BE REPORTED WITH A DOCUMENTATION FORM. THIS
IS BASED ON MY FIELD IDENTIFICATION EXPERIENCE AND
WITH WHAT GIVES ME THE MOST DIFFICULTY.

I FEEL THAT I AM A BETTER THAN AVERAGE
FIELD OBSERVER AND I SPEND 20 HOURS A WEEK SERIOUSLY
OBSERVING BIRDS. HERE IS MY LIST:

LITTLE BLUE HERON	BEWICKS WREN
SNOWY EGRET	CAROLINA WREN
YELLOW CROWNED NIGHT HERON	WINTER WREN
GREATER SCAUP	NORTHERN JAWBROKE
OLD SQUAW	RARE WARBLERS, ESPECIALLY FALL
NORTHERN GOSHAWK	HARRY RED POLL
COOPERS HAWK	CROSSBILLS
ALL UNUSUAL HAWKS	RARE SPARROWS
LITTLE TERN	
BAR BARN OWL	

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THIS LIST SHOULD OF COURSE INCLUDE ACCIDENTALS,
CASUALS, SPECIES OUTSIDE OF NORMAL RANGES.

I THINK IF THE SAME PERSON SEES 15 NORTHERN
SHRIKES OVER A 5 YEAR PERIOD, ALL 15 SHOULD BE
DOCUMENTED, REGARDLESS OF THE BIRDERS EXPERIENCE.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE, I WILL BE IN SE. ARIZONA
OVER CHRISTMAS AND ~~AM~~ AM LINED UP TO GO ON
TWO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS. NOGALES AND GREEN VALLEY.
I WAS ON ONE DOWN THERE IN 1978 AND IT WAS GREAT!

AFTER MEETING YOU BRIEFLY AT THE FALL IOU,
MEETING, I FIND IT MORE PLEASANT TO WRITE YOU.
MY YEAR LIST IS 191, I STILL HAVEN'T MADE 200 IN
ONE YEAR.

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