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- March 15
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Greater scaup on way to farm. I hesitate giving you this as I know you always want documentation, but he was so obvious and I have had no time for "extras"
- March 2 sharp-shinned hawk
- ✓ April 11 Bonaparte gulls
- ✓ April 22 40+ Franklin gulls and then I saw two yesterday, May 17
- May 10 black-billed cuckoo
- May 12 black-throated green warbler singing in my yard
- May 13 blackpoll warblers all over Hamburg, the most I've seen and heard in years
- ✓ April 10 grasshopper sparrow WOW! Near our yard singing. He let me get quite close to him.

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Dear Dr. Kent, I was surprised to note how many birds I had seen, since I have done no serious birding. What I've done has been from home to town or on the way to the farm or on the way to Nebraska City or Omaha on I-29. I just don't know when I will get into the "swing" of things again. My husband's father is dying & that is absorbing my time - trying to help my husband besides doing all the other things that other people do.

I've seen more warblers this spring than I usually do here in Hamburg beginning April 11th with the yellow warbler. This spring we had more hawks, common ones, that is, than I've seen for several years. I was fortunate in seeing many species of ducks too. So I guess I've had some compensations for being tied down and worried.

Hope all is well with you. Also hope I have more and interesting bird news to report in the future.

Regards,

Jane S.