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Seymour, Iowa
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Dear Tom,

Not much to report for the summer months:

✓ ~~Great~~ Blue Heron: There were 43 nests in the rookery at Rathbun. Two weeks ago there appeared to be from 3-5 standing birds in each nest nearly ready for flight.

✓ Turkey Vulture: We've watched a nest with two young in a deserted barn south of Seymour since June 18. They were downy white then. This week they have mostly black feathers, but I believe it will still be a while before they can leave. The parents were seen on the barn on May 10. I may send a picture.

✓ Upland Sandpiper: They have spread from the concentrated area south of Seymour, and I've seen them fairly commonly around the County (Wayne). They began gathering for migration 2-3 weeks ago.

✓ Bell's Vireo: At least one pair nested again on the R. R. right-of-way east of Seymour.

I didn't get a spring report to you. Three things were of interest to me.

✓ Cattle Egret: One west of Seymour April 5 that stayed a week in a farmer's yard. A second one here in town on April 9.

✓ Scarlet Tanager: May 14, Keosauqua Park. Rare for me to see one.

✓ Mourning Dove: On the nest Mar. 31. This is the earliest I've ever seen one nesting.

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