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Season: Summer Year: 1984

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Other observers (name, city):

Jeff Livingston, Lamoni, Ia.

Use first few lines to give weather and habitat conditions. Use line(s) below species data to give additional details, if needed. Mail to: T. H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City IA 52240 by 1 Mar, 1 Jun, 1 Aug, or 1 Dec.

use initials of obsv. on species line

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
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<u>UPLAND SANDPIPER</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>July 16</u>	<u>6:30-7.00 P.m. (TWENTY-THREE)</u>
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This is a post-harvest count of birds feeding in a 30 acre clover field on my farm located in Sec. 32, Bloomington Twp., Decatur County, Ia.

After nesting is over this species likes to feed on a meadow from which the hay has been recently harvested and removed from the field. There is an abundance of insects of many kinds. The young are getting mature by this time and range with the adults.

In this instance, there were several fields of meadow, mostly alfalfa, which had already been harvested in June and were now 12 to 18 inches high. My clover field was harvested late and so at that time was the only freshly harvested field within a mile in several directions. Also had a 100 acre pasture nearby. This clover was mowed July 2 and July 7, baled July 5 and 9, bales moved out of field July 11, bird count July 16.

Jeff Livingston is a licensed bird bander now. We drove carefully all over the field in his topless jeep, many times approaching within 100 feet of birds. We were careful to note where the birds flew each time and not double count. The birds were in two's and three's scattered all over the field. Usually gave the friendly 3 syllable call note both on the ground and in the air.

For a number of years we have made what I call the post harvest flock count. Usually see from 8 to 15 birds, closer together in a small area of the field. They may flock up clover slightly later before migration.

My farm is located only half mile from the 100 acre lake that is the Lamoni, town water supply. Also there is about another 100 acres of grass around the lake that is neither mowed or pastured. Also a 100 acre pasture on another side of my farm. So the birds have good nesting habitat. I believe I can say that I see and hear the Upland Sandpiper every day during months of May, June and July.

Sorry I don't have more species to report on,

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