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SUBJECT Shorebird Sightings

FROM Ken Herring / *Ken H*

Jim: I don't know if these are significant sightings or not  
but thought you might be interested as the Summer field reporter  
for the I.O.U..

7-18-84, Meadow Lake WMA , Sec. 17, T-76, R-31, Adair County I  
observed approx. 25 Pectoral Sandpipers, 15 Solitary sandpipers,  
and numerous semipalmated sandpipers and killdeers. They were  
busy feeding on an exposed mudflat created by a drawdown by fisheries  
employees.

7-19-84, Bays Branch WMA, Sec. 22, T-80, R-30, Guthrie Co. I observed  
lesser numbers of the same species, Pectoral, Solitary and semipalmated  
sandpipers and killdeers. These birds were feeding on mudflats in our  
goose pen. Bays Branch was dewatered this year and we are in the process  
of slowly reflooding.