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Dear Dr. Halmi:

I have been studying Red-shouldered Hawks in the Mississippi floodplains in northeast Iowa during May and June. Though I was more than busy trying to keep up with 3 pairs of Red-shouldered Hawks and their young, I did note my casual observations on other species. I have included some of my sightings which may be worth reporting.

Wood Duck - Adults and young common, late May and June throughout the Mississippi floodplains in Allamakee Co.
At least 2 broods numbering over 15 young were seen on Paint Creek, June 2.

Broad-winged Hawk - Pair seen daily over bluffs near Waukon Junction, Allamakee Co., throughout June.
Single seen at Yellow River State Forest on June 5.

Turkey - Hen with brood of at least 5 young flushed in Mississippi floodplain on June 22, 3 mi. S. New Albin, Allamakee Co.

Great Egrets - Seen daily in May and June throughout Allamakee Co. Largest concentration was 8 seen on June 22, 4.5 mi. S. of New Albin.

Yellow-crowned Night Herons - Singles seen daily during late May and June on Mississippi floodplain area S. E. of New Albin. 2 observed on June 7 in floodplain 1.5 mi. E. of New Albin.

Pileated Woodpecker - Singles observed throughout June in Paint Creek floodplains near Waukon Junction.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - Common throughout late May and June in floodplain areas S. E. of New Albin.
Pair seen on June 2 in Paint Creek floodplain E. Waukon Jct.
Single observed on June 7, 1.5 mi. E. of New Albin.

Yellow-Headed Blackbird - Two observed near Waukon Junction
on June 6 and 8. Single seen 1.5 Mi. E. of New Albin
on June 7.

The other species I noted, I believe are common and expected
in my study areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Bednarz". The signature is written in dark ink and has a fluid, connected style.

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