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Dear Mr. Halmi,

I have just completed my second field season studying bird communities in Guthrie County. Most of the research was done along rivers, but some was also conducted in upland habitats. I have compiled some observations of the less common species and unusual sightings. I hope these are of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Diurnal Raptors:

Turkey Vulture-	We located one roost along the Raccoon River and at one time counted 28 individuals, including immatures.
Red-shouldered Hawk-	We saw one immature in early July
Sparrow Hawks-	Very few were seen

Cuckoos

Black-billed seemed much more common than last year, with five nests found. Yellow-billed were about the same.

Owls

Barred Owls extremely common
Short-eared- Saw one on 7/7 along a channelized ditch.

Woodpeckers

Red-bellied	Seemed down from last year
Hairy	Uncommon but regular.

Flycatchers

Acadian	Several territorial males
Least	One singing male on 7/1

Wrens

Carolina	One in early July
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Mimics

Mockingbird	One in early June
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Thrushes

Veery	One singing in late June
Bluebird	Seemed somewhat more common than last year.

Cedar Waxwings	There were several around all summer, may be breeding
Shrikes	<u>I saw none where I saw them last year, I recorded none all summer</u>
Vireos	
White-eyed- Bells-	We saw a singing male on two occasions in early June One was present on the edge of Panora all summer and we saw three at Sheeder Prairie
Warblers-	
Black and ?White-	One singing male in mid-June in its reported breeding habitat
Yellow-	Were present on only one of twelve plots. Three of four nests were parasitized.
Blackbirds	
Orchard Oriole-	We saw only one in early June
Finches and Sparrows-	
Dickcissel-	Very common, it seems to be a boom year for them
Grasshopper Sparrow	Were common in hay fields and pastures with a good crop of grass.
Vesper Sparrow	Common in pastures and hedgerows
Lark Sparrow	Saw only one all summer

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