

Nov. 27, 1977

Dear Nicholas,

Here is my Fall Report. All of the sightings were in N.E. Polk County.

Duck sightings were up a little but this could be due to the filling of Saylorville lake.

Raptor sightings were a little better on some species. More Sharp-shinned Hawks were seen. A Cooper's was sighted on Sept. 27th and again on Oct. 2, could have been same bird. Osprey was sighted Sept. 28 and Oct. 5. A Bald Eagle was seen Sept. 29. A large movement of Broad-winged Hawks here on Oct. 2.

A Peregrine Falcon was seen Oct. 2 and again on Oct. 10. No doubt the same bird, seen only 3 miles apart. Last sighting was at about 40 feet and was a Male bird. This was first sighting of a Peregrine in this area by me in over 15 years.

American Kestrel sighting were about normal with major movement between Sept. 11 and Sept. 19, when 18 were banded.

It seems like Red-headed Woodpeckers have left this area for the winter. This has been the first time in a long time none has wintered here. I guess a poor year for Acorns maybe the reason.

Flycatcher, Thrush and Warbler sightings were down. With Vireos about normal. Few more Red-breasted Nuthatch sightings.

No large sighting of Purple Martins, but large numbers of Bank, Cliff and Barn Swallows were seen.

Good numbers of Bluebirds were seen, with last sighting on Nov. 1.

Pine Siskin and Purple Finch sighting are up. With 15 to 20 Evening Grosbeaks seen on Nov. 8. Sparrow migrations were about normal.

Sincerely,

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