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Dear Dr. Halmi,

I could be wrong, but I don't think I'll see much of importance to you until the end of this period. I am sending some notes which I hope you can use. I don't think you'd use the robin note, but wanted you to know what happened here. Also I looked at the Iowa blue list and tried to follow it somewhat.

- April 18 100 plus <sup>white</sup> pelicans migrated. I understand another large migration went thru while Ruth Phipps and I were in Florida - followed by
- April 19 300 double-breasted cormorants resting on edge of borrow pit off I-29 near Hamburg, and on this same day  
several red-breasted mergansers, mostly females.
- March 21 one Northern harrier ~~fly~~ <sup>flew</sup> past our yard
- March several kestrels in the area, and we still have quite a few  
Wild turkeys near Forney's Lake
- May 11 6 sandhill cranes flying low following the borrow pits with two d-c cormorants following in straight line. Exciting sight
- April 19 Forster's tern -, migration apparently  
Black terns on May 12
- May 18 yellow-billed cuckoos, several couldn't count them. They could have been here earlier but Ruth and I were gone May 1 through the 10th. Yesterday I heard two black-billed cuckoos, which usually come after the yellow-billed. We have many more yellow-billed than black-billed if their calls are any indication
- March 26 Both yellow-shafted and red-shafted flickers at my feeder, both females which gave me great chance for comparison
- March 18-19 robins, very, very heavy migration; yards all over the town were covered.
- May 14th week yellow warblers, so many I couldn't count them; quite a wave all over town
- May 17 yellow-breasted chat on the rim of our yard; know he won't stay because of too many people around
- March 28 Brewer's blackbirds, female and male, as well as grackles blanketed the open areas of town. Our Bluff was covered with them.

Regards,

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