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Dear Tom,

Enclosed are three slides of my late date Swainson's thrush. It may help to have some background on this sighting. When I first saw it, I checked "Lower Birds" for late dates. When finding it was indeed a late date, I called Judge Carlson to come into town to confirm it. The second day I put up a mist net near the highbush cranberry hedge specifically to catch the thrush. "On the third day" I caught and banded the thrush. I was pleased to see it eating yet on the fourth day.

My recent experience in thrush identification includes: Banding in 1985 of one Wood thrush, 28 Swainson's thrushes (16 in the fall from 09-01 to 11-13-85) and six Hermit thrushes (3 this fall and 30 in 1984)

Also included are five slides of the trumpeter swan from Judge Carlson. A print from "The Ravens Nest" will follow as soon as they call me that it is ready. If indicated please ask the

Records Committee to reconsider their finding of Marion Brewer's report. All the pictures are of the same swan.

Please return all the pictures to me.

It might be helpful to see the physical setup here in the middle of a black agricultural area. Therefore you and any members are invited at least for coffee if you drop in unannounced.

a note from Bonnie Forest of Spencer casually mentions redpolls at her feeders. No numbers or dates given. There have been no redpolls reported in Kansas this year (fall or spring)

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