

Nelson

Nelson's MEAT MARKETS

1140 OLD MARION ROAD N.E., CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA 52402

AREA CODE 319/393-4927

CEDAR RAPIDS FINEST MEATS SINCE 1935

August 2, 1978

Nick Halmi
RR # 6
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

Dear Mr. Halmi:

A pair of Kestrels were noted nesting in a dead tree approximately 50 feet from a farm house about 100 feet from highway #13 east of Cedar Rapids. This pair were observed all spring in the area. Weir Nelson of RR #1, Ely made initial sighting. Fred Thompson of Marion and others have since corroborated the pair. In June, many trips with food were noted to said dead tree, which was shared with several pairs of starlings.

Yellow-billed and black-billed cuckoos seemed numerous in the area. Four of each were banded at Weir Nelson's on June 7th and 8th.

A Say's Phoebe was first identified on County Road E28 in North Linn County, Iow, Sec. 24 on John Knupp farm. On June 17, Fred Thompson of Marion, Iowa, made the sighting. This was confirmed on June 20th by Thompson, Lucille Lilljedahl of Marion, and Roberta Oppedahl of Cedar Rapids, when a pair were sighted in the same area. Pete Wickam of Coe College in Cedar Rapids also verified a singing male which he watched for thirty minutes.

An orchard oriole is again nesting at the Gus Groth home west of Alburnett, Iowa. This is the second consecutive year for this bird. Possibly the same poplar tree close in to main trunk, approximately 85% high in the 35 foot tree. Another orchard oriole was sighted by Roberta Oppedahl and Jim Kettlekamp of Cedar Rapids, one mile north of Chain Lakes Bridge.

A number of reports from the area of nesting and/or summering pine siskins. Three reports from experienced feeders in Cedar Rapids, one from North Liberty, and two from Iowa City.

Sincerely,

Weir Nelson

D. Weir Nelson, JR.

*P.S.
Pete Wickam
will send his list
shortly —*