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Dr. Nick Halmi
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Dear Dr. Halmi:

I have a few field observations for possible inclusion in the next issue of IBL. Though I'm in the field quite a bit, I don't always have enough time for serious birding as I would really like, and most of the following were sightings made incidentally to some other field activity being performed for the State.

Cattle Egret--Sept. 1, 1978, near Lake Park, Iowa, Dickinson County.

Loc.? Merlin--Sept. 13, 1978, Kettleon Hogsback Wildlife Area near Spirit Lake, Dickinson County.

Sharp-shinned Hawk--Oct. 5, 1978, Kettleon Hogsback WMA.

Rough-legged Hawk, black phase--Oct. 13, 1978, 5 mi. east of Rock Rapids, Lyon Co.

Swainson's Thrush--Sept. 23, Larchwood, Iowa, Lyon Co.; &

cate Oct. 18, N. side of Big Spirit Lake, Dickinson County.

The following observations were made by Wildlife Technician Gary Wee and reported to me. Although I was not able to verify the reports, Gary is fairly good at identification of larger birds, and from his descriptions I'm sure he is correct:

Whistling Swans--Nov. 11, 1978, Hottes Lake (Kettleon Hogsback WMA)--3 individuals.

Long-eared Owl--Nov. 20, 1978. This bird was brought to the Kettleon Hogsback WMA after being found nearby with a broken wing. Bird is being taken to Boone Wildlife Research Station for care and hopeful rehabilitation.

I hope these field reports may be of interest. I have observed some others but neglected to make note of the dates and other pertinent information. Hope to be able to do a little better observation in the future. And just to verify my identification credentials, I was both a grad teaching assistant and instructor at South Dak. State University, 1969-1971, assisting with ornithology labs & field I.D. work.

Sincerely,

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