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Dear Jim,

I've enclosed my summer report along with a field note on Saylorville's breeding Cooper's Hawks.

Hope things are going well for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bery".

Bery Engebretsen

Great Blue Heron: the Saylorville colony has re-established itself north of the old site. At least a half dozen nests were active.

Yellow-crowned Night Heron: this species was once again present along 26th street south of Saylorville throughout the summer. Four were present on June 9. Immature had not yet appeared at the time of this writing. I have never been able to find a nest.

Wood Duck: numerous broods were hatched throughout the Saylorville area.

Cooper's Hawk: at least two fledged young were present in the same area as last year's successful nest on July 27 (see attached).

Bobwhite: a female with a small brood was present on July 3 in a small patch of prairie near Corp Hdqtrs. This is only the third time I have seen quail in five years in the Saylorville area, and the first covey.

Spotted Sandpiper: common along the shores of the lake.

Common Snipe: a single was along 26th St on June 17.

Black-billed Cuckoo: absent

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: present in three areas.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: common along the west shore of the lake.

Pileated Woodpecker: continues to be present in the vicinity of the heron colony.

Phoebe: one nested beneath a bridge on the bike trail. I seldom see this bird compared to its common occurrence in my youth in southern Iowa.

Acadian Flycatcher: present on July 25 and 27, north of Lake View.

Willow Flycatcher: common in the shelter belts near Big Creek.

Cliff Swallow: this species is undergoing a population explosion in this area. Colonies are now present on the dam's control tower, the Interstate and 66th ave Des Moines River overpasses, and south of Corp Hdqtrs.

Gnatcatcher: three were present west of the highway 17 bridge on July 3.

Bluebird: families are all over the area, thanks to the Corp's nest box program.

Veery: three were singing in June north of Lake View.

Wood Thrush: only three could be found in June north of Lake View, where seven were found last year.

Loggerhead Shrike: one on 7/18

Bell's Vireo: common in the Big Creek shelter belts.

Cerulean Warbler: six males on June 9, near the Cooper's nest. (usual location)

Prothonotary Warbler: two pairs near the heron colony.

Worm-eating Warbler: one was singing on May 18, north of Lake View but could not be found later. A probable migrant.

Ovenbird: seven were singing within a mile north of Lake View on June 9th, similar to the same number in this area last year.

Louisiana Waterthrush: one pair north of Lake View June 15.

Kentucky Warbler: one singing north of Lake View on May 31 could not be located later.

Scarlet Tanager: five were present north of Lake View and other nearby areas.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: one on 7/14

Dickcissel: common