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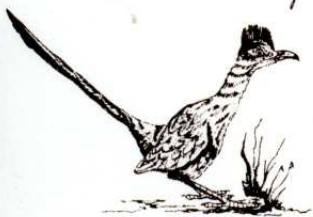
Dear Jim -

I hope its not too late for summer field reports. I have only two, not having had a chance to do any birding since May.

- 1) White throated sparrow - heard only - in full song, along Duck Creek in Davenport on June 7, 13, 20, July 4, 5, + 18th - always in the same area, by Bill and me. A couple of times I attempted to find it, on private property in heavy cover, but was not successful.
- 2) Dark-eyed Junco - 37th + St Johns Rd, Des Moines, July 19th. The bird flew across the road in front of me as I was running. I saw distinct white outer tail feathers. It landed on the sidewalk 10 feet from me and I studied it for a couple of minutes, without binoculars.

There was absolutely no doubt in my mind about its identity. It was with 2-3 house sparrows. Slate gray head and back and throat, with white underparts.

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Pink bill and legs were clearly visible at that distance. Habitat from which it flew was a somewhat overgrown backyard ravine.

Guess my summer has been more like a late fall, birdwise.

Im enclosing the tear-sheet with dates crossed out as requested. Call if you have any questions. Welcome back to Iowa - we're glad to have you home.

Sincerely,
Ann

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