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Dear Jim:

Excuse me for not typing this, but our secretary is on vacation, and I type slowly!

Here are some of the more interesting bird sightings I came up with while doing atlas work this summer:

✓ 1 pair of great egrets seen at Hamilton Co. Cons. Bd. marsh June 6, 1988

Upland sandpipers were documented in 2 BBA blocks in Hamilton Co. (1 family group w/3 yng) <sup>6-29-88</sup> 6-23-88, in 1 BBA block in Boone Co. 6-29-88, and in 1 BBA block in Greene Co. 7-7-88.

✓ A pair of Bell's Vireos was seen in a BBA block in Hamilton Co. 6-1-88, and a single bird was noted on a brushy dirt road in a BBA block in Warren Co. 6-24-88

✓ Least flycatchers were documented in Block 358 on 6-10-88 and in Block 384 on 6-22-88 in Hamilton Co. I also found them in the Whitebreast Unit of Stephens State Forest on 6-16 (Lucas Co), and in Delaware Co. at Backbone St. Park on 7-17-88.

✓ An adult Swainson's hawk was watched hunting a mowed hayfield in block 182 of Chickasaw Co. 7-15-88.

✓ An adult male harrier was seen in block 205 of Bremer Co. on 7-15-88.

The sighting I am most excited about is of a Sharp-shinned hawk 2 miles south of Stephen's Forest Whitebreast Unit in Lucas Co. on 6-16-88 (see enclosed documentation form).

To my knowledge, no barn-owl nesting has been documented this year, although a pair was seen in a barn north of Knoxville in Marion Co. for at least 1 week in mid-June.

I hope these sightings are of some interest to you. If you do have questions or want more detailed info, be sure to contact me. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Bruce Ehresman