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Dear Sir,

Following are some brief notes for the field reports for fall of 1987. (Aug.-Nov.)

- ✓ MERLIN- Jeff Livingston of Lamoni is a licensed bird bander. He operates a repair shop. He reports that two times in the last week of October he sighted a Merlin perched for some time in a large tree near his shop. He had ample time to study it with glasses. He recalls that a similar bird was at the same tree during spring migration and also in the fall of 1986. Jeff raises small bantam chickens and has a flock of 25 or 30 running at large around the premises all the time. We have concluded that perhaps those little bantams are attractig the Merlin or else the 100's of sparrows at a grain elevator next door.
- ✓ UPLAND SANDPIPER- Dale Moon reports 5 seen in hayfield on Aug. 2. This bird very scarce here this year.
- ✓ SHORT-eared Owl ** I saw 4 owls on my farm three miles NW of Lamoni on Nov. 22.
- ✓ LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE
-- Three shrikes (some juveniles) seen near a silage and hay storage lot on Aug. 3. Singles seen a number of times at this same location in following weeks.
- I would like to call attention to the fact that in this part of the state at present a number of farmers fill a silage pit or a silage pile on ground lined on the sides with BIG bales of hay. Such a feed storage attracts mice. It is good locatinn to look for shrikes and Kestrels.

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