





Buffalo Center, Iowa  
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Mr. Peter Peterson  
2736 East High Street  
Davenport, Iowa

Dear Mr. Peterson

I am sending this report to you early because I am leaving on a trip to Mexico, tomorrow.

The migration of small birds in late April and May was drawn out with few noticeable waves. The most pronounced wave occurred on May 13 and 14, involving swallows, finches, vireos, orioles, and several species of warblers. Wilson's and Yellow Warblers were the most numerous.

On April 8, Vesper Sparrows were recorded by Mike Orthel.

The most striking bird to be recorded here this spring was a Red-shafted X Yellow-shafted Flicker Hybrid collected on April 20. I have included wing and tail feathers from the bird in this letter.

Shorebirds were active throughout late April and early May with several noticeable waves. I had few chances to observe them, but Mike Orthel recorded shorebirds several times at a mud flat on his farm. Plovers were the most noticeable migrants.

A flock of Golden Plovers appeared on Mike's farm on April 27. (Golden Plovers were present in varying numbers on his farm until May 5.) On May 2, Mike recorded 10 Black-bellied Plovers. I recorded a flock of approximately 50 Golden Plovers over town on May 4.

I have tried to omit all unimportant records from my list and I have not repeated the March migration records which I have already sent you.

Sincerely,  
Tim C. Moorhead + Mike Orthel

P.S. A pronounced wave of warblers, thrushes, and flycatchers has arrived in town today, May 28. A Yellow-bellied Flycatcher was present.