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Dear Dick,

I am sending your note on Swainson's Hawks on the Jim Dinsmore, Editor of Iowa Bird Life, with the recommendation that he publish it. We will also note the sighting in the spring Field Reports.

On Sunday, April 12, Francis Moore, Ross Silcock, and I found a flock of 18 Swainson's in a plowed field in Fremont County in the Missouri River bottoms. We later saw two flocks of about 6 farther north in Fremont County. The next day Francis and I saw singles in Pottawattamie and Guthrie counties. I wonder if these were some of the same birds that you saw.

It would be interesting to know the weather pattern around the time of your incredible sighting. Apparently the big snow storm came a few days later, but was there a front that concentrated these birds and maybe pushed them farther east than usual?

Now that you're out birding some more, keep us up-to-date with your seasonal field reports.

Best regards,

cc: Jim Dinsmore