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Details of Swainson's Hawks

On 23 July we found ljuvenile and ladult Swainson's Hawk in exposed, dead tops of trees on the banks of the Winnebago River just south of U.S. 18. The Junust we saw Ziuveniles on the 2nd, ladult

In August we saw 2 juveniles on the 2nd, ladult and 2 juveniles on the 11th ladult and 2 juveniles on the 14th, I juvenile on the 18th, 2 juveniles on the 21st, and 2 juveniles on the 27th. We checked the area on the 30th and 31st and the following week, but the 27th was the last time we could find them.

Our visits were between 6:30 and 7:00 PM and lasted from 15 minutes to half an hour, Each time the birds were in the same tree top or one close by. When we saw the adults, they were agitated and did a lot of screaming. The juveniles seemed una fraid and as curious about us as we were about them. We found what we are quite sure was their nest

We found what we are quite sure was mermest about 200 yards down the road from their roost tree. It was about half way to the top of a tall Boxelder tree. Was about half way to the river bank, We will certainly between the road and the river bank, We will certainly watch the area closely next spring.

American Kestrel For the 5th year, our yard is on his winter feeding route. I roften see him fly through the yard a few feet above ground between October and the end of January, This year was the earliest I've seen him. Occasionally This year was the earliest I've seen him. Occasionally I see him catch a House Sparrow or Junco. When he does, he mantles briefly, then carries the bird to the top of a spruce tree across the street where he plucks at least some of the feathers before eating it or carrying it off.