

June 8, 1993

To Thomas Kent:

*late  
2nd hand*

I hope it isn't too late to include this report in your spring report. I felt it was significant because of the late date.

On May 20, 1993 Teresa Lappe (my sister) saw a Northern Sawwhet owl in a puddle under a tree in Wesley, Iowa (KossuthCounty). The owl was a 1st year...not too many spots on the wings and more rufous in color. The puddle was off of the side of Church Street. When she saw the owl, her and her brother-in-law stopped to confirm which kind it was....it sat there and did not move until she tried to approach it more closely. Then it flew off. When she returned home she refered to the Golden Book, Birds of North America, to identify the owl. → no ear tufts

I feel she is a reliable witness as she has seen screech owls, horned owls and short-eared owls and knew the size and coloring of this owl was different.

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