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Dear Dr. Halmi:

The Red Rock flood pool, which has been right up against the levee at Avon, has receded markedly and has given us the best shorebirding ever.

Not only has there been volume but the "quality" has been incredible; 15 Whimbrels, 10 Knots, several Northern Phalaropes with a lot of less unusual species. Yesterday I saw my first Stilt Sandpipers and White-rumped for the year. Another Marbled Godwit was also present Wednesday with three Hudsonian.

This will give you some idea of the excitement we've had. I hope Coralville is reacting similarly and you're getting your share of the unusual species.

Warbler migration has apparently petered out, but wasn't bad. Sparrows were something else again; I saw almost none.

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