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Dear Jim,

My only report during June - July 1994 from Iowa of possible interest is an adult Bald Eagle July 13 along the Upper Iowa River, French Creek Township, Allamakee Co. This is only 10-12 miles from the nest(s) near New Albin on the Miss. R., but one can suspect increased nest activity away from the Miss. on major tributary floodplain and bluffs.

Could you send Iowa Report forms? I know I should have kept one back to xerox myself, but apparently I used the last one to send in the last of my infrequent Iowa reports.

I made the Goose Lake trip and saw the Fulvous Whistling Duck, after a 3 hour

wait. Hearing a bull frog was actually just as significant as seeing the duck, and probably of greater environmental significance. Made the Goose Lake trip July 23. I think the duck was seen next day as well.

Guess the Black Rail in Kossuth Co. was a solo sighting. Ray Glasel, an active Minn. birder (the most active?) reported a Crested Caracara near New Prague, Minn, also a solo sighting. We should be so lucky as to see what is so difficult to document! The reliability of the observer then becomes more important, I think.

Shorebirds are coming through now, but the Miss. R. is higher than normal, making mudflats hard to find. Stilt, Short-billed Dowitchers, Sanderling, Western, Least, Semi-palm in low numbers but lots of Pectorals still acting & calling as on breeding territory.

Made the ABA convention at Minot & enjoyed "new" birding habitat and "rare" birds at Upper Souris.

Fred