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Hi Jim!

Thank you for reviewing the bird paper. I don't know if a weighting system was used in calculating the bird densities. That formula has always bothered me--for one thing, the area of the circle doesn't seem to add up correctly, at least to my calculations.

I was a bit more active birding this summer and my observations are listed below:

Common Loon--1 in winter plumage at Paullina 6/26-28
Snow Goose--1 (blue phase) at Paullina 7/23-present
Hooded Merganser--2 young at Paullina 7/16
Turkey Vulture--12-15 along Waterman Creek in O'Brien Co. all summer
Northern Harrier--male north of Westfield 7/27; female west of Milford 7/30
Cooper's Hawk--O'Brien Co. female on nest 5/16, but nesting not successful; two other O'Brien Co. sightings (at different locations) on 7/4 and 7/17
Swainson's Hawk--1 in Osceola Co. on 7/30
Killdeer--very numerous everywhere in NW!
Upland Sandpiper--nest w/3 eggs at Steele Prairie on 5/23; 4 pair in vicinity of Steele Prairie all season; singles at Sheldon 6/12, Royal 6/13, Pioneer 6/15, Archer 6/27
Western Kingbird--1 near Sutherland 6/4
Connecticut Warbler--last of 3 O'Brien Co. sightings was 6/3 at Paullina
Blue Grosbeak--pair 6/5 at Paullina, pair 6/24 near Archer, female 6/3 at Calumet
Orchard Oriole--3 pairs near Sutherland and 1 pair at Paullina
Red Crossbill--2-6 reported by Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Amendt at their feeder in Sutherland 7/20-25
~~Royal 6/13~~

Hope you have had a good summer so far.

Darwin