

Thomas H Kent,
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Dear Sir,

I have 2 items to report that may be of interest to you.

On August 20, 1994, 2 young Turkey Vultures left their nest in the hay mow of our fallen farm and that day began walking, hopping, climbing, and trying their wings. My son James Killaspy got several very good pictures of them in different activities.

We are wondering how many pairs of nesting Vultures there are in the state of Iowa, Can any one make a good guess? During June and July in many days we would see a small flock of 2 to 6 Vultures soaring and soaring over our farm ~~lots~~ ^{hay mow}. We suspected their nest to be a nest in the ^{hay mow}, but never went up to explore.

My second bird note - On July 28 Carl Green, of Hamoni reported he saw 2 white egret ^{type} wading birds in Hamoni Pond Lake at Hamoni. Carl is caretaker of the Cemetery adjoining the lake. He said they were the size and shape of Great Blue Heron, but all white in color, and ~~what they were~~ they made loud calls he cried plainly hear 1000 feet away. We looked thru the bird guide and decided they were probably whooping cranes. The only other large allwhite bird ^{Great Egret} much lower calling notes. This is an observation we can only wonder about. Carl Green, Steve Green, is at driving history farms' ^{and James Killaspy}

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