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Dear Dr. Kent:

I'm sending in my summer list just a bit early this time, as I will be out of state on vacation at the regular deadline. Actually, I don't have too many to report this time around, and some of them are ones you later viewed during your visit up here.

- ✓ Western Grebes--pair 1st sighted on Rush Lake, Osceola Co., June 1, 81 (this is the pair for which you later verified a brood); also 1 pair reported to me by Mark Phelps of the O'Brien County Conservation Board, at Mill Creek Park on May 25; at least 1 other pair reported in unverified O'Brien Co. sighting.
- ✓ Black-crowned Night Heron--small nesting colony on Rush Lake, Osceola Co., June-July.
- ✓ Yellow-crowned Night Heron--reported by Conservation Officer Bob Moats at Trumbull Lake, Clay Co., on or about July 1.
- ✓ Least Bittern--Female on nest with three young, 1st sighted June 26, 1981, Hottes Lake, Dickinson Co. (The nest you and I viewed on June 30.)
- ✓ Canvasback--hen with brood of 7, Garlock Slough, Dickinson Co., June 23, 1981
- ✓ Upland Sandpiper--photographed pair defending either nest or young (probably the latter as I could find no nest in area) southwest of Larchwood, Ia., Lyon Co., on 6-16-81. One stood scolding on fence post while mate repeatedly charged my leg in middle of county road.
- ✓ Eastern Bluebirds--pair w/4 young in nest box near Inwood, Lyon Co., on June 11, 1981; pair w/5 young in nest box, also near Inwood, on July 2, 1981.

I was most happy to meet you this summer and hope I might see you up this way again sometime--If not then perhaps at some future IOU meetings.

Sincerely,

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