

May, 17, 1964

Dear Mr. Brown:

Concerning the spring migration:

Red Tail Hawk: Normal. Have three nests under observation.

Rough Leg: I saw at least three times as many this spring as I did last fall. March 27 I saw three melanos in one square mile within the time it took to drive around the section. Two blacks together and a mixed pair.

April 18: A Krider's Red Tail. My first and at close range. Pure white head and below.

Pheasant: Tremendous winter survival.

Hungarian Partridge: Same as pheasant.

Golden Plover: Nine on April 25.

Say's Phoebe: Have returned to all locations I have checked. Firmly established.

Red Breasted Nuthatch: One on May 2 and 3.

Vireos and warblers: This season is very busy on the farm. Apparently a normal flight up to now. The only unusual observation was two Blue-Wings on May 3, both male. One female on May 11. A new bird for me. Bill Y. says he has seen them here. The eyeline and wing bars make them easy to be sure of.

Bobolink: Most I have ever seen.

Savannah sparrow: Good flight.

Grasshopper Sparrow: The scarcity of three years ago has been replenished.

Chipping Sparrow: More than I have seen any other year.

White Crown: Some increase.

White Throat: Usual good flight. I saw a partial albino April 28. All white except wings and tail and yellow spots above beak. The yellow spots kept me from calling it a misplaced Snow Punting.

Killdeer: Out of order but is definitely down. John Lueschen noticed this last year

Sincerely Yours,

*Eldon Bryant*