

birds are always found there. It is the only place I have ever found the Rusty Blackbird on a Christmas Count (1959). This year we found 67 Horned Larks, 18 Mourning Doves, a Sparrow Hawk and then Lee spotted our only Cowbird (a female) among the large flock of House Sparrows. As we were about ready to leave, the Crows started fussing in the swampy area about a half-mile away. Soon we noted a large hawk fly up and land in the top of a tree. Lee and John thought they detected some white in the tail. Without a spotting scope, the distance was too great to be sure of the species. We waited perhaps ten minutes for him to fly, and as he took off we immediately saw it was a Rough-legged Hawk - a record for our area. At least, none has ever been officially recorded. We watched him fly across in front of us for perhaps a half-mile. The dark tail band and the white in the tail and under the wings was very distinctive. It was a thrilling sight. John Morgan and I had both seen one before but this was a "first" for Lee Lowden.

We couldn't find any Robins or Cedar Waxwings this year, but we ended up with 40 species - just about average - and the Roughleg made it a memorable day.

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I just wanted to prove to you that your publication has a very wide appeal. This is Emily Freer at 8 months, and she reads you just as well right side up as upside down. I, too, like EBBA News.

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