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CAROLINA WREN AT DULUTH — At 11:40 A.M. on May 25, 1981 I had been observing the many warblers, orioles, tanagers and thrushes grounded by the fog and drizzle of the 24th and 25th along Park Point in Duluth. At this particular time we were about one block north of the ball field and I was out of the car observing the birds in the bushes along the harbor side of the road. There were literally hundreds of migrants in the area and as one would come into view I would put the glasses on it and try to identify the species. One individual landed on an exposed branch about eye level no more than 10-15 feet away and as I looked at it I realized it was a wren with a very distinct and noticeable white eye stripe. I realized this was different from the wrens I was familiar with so I kept the glasses on it for perhaps 30 seconds or so. I noted a very clear, pale gray, unstreaked throat, no noticeable streaking but a very definite rusty wash on the flanks and belly and a rusty brown crown and upperparts. The tail was cocked upwards and was lightly barred. At first I had about a $\frac{3}{4}$ profile view and as the bird moved I was looking at it from about a 90° angle. I did not pay much attention to the tail but did not notice any white edgings (or lack thereof). I then walked back to the car (about 20 feet away) to get Pat and the guide books. When we returned the individual was still there but left momentarily and flew into the woods east of the road, not to be seen again. We then wrote down notes from which the above was taken. An hour or so earlier we heard a House Wren in the area but this was not that species. Ken LaFond, 11008 Jefferson St. N.E., Blaine, MN 55434.

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GREAT GRAY OWL IN ANOKA COUNTY — At 20:15, 11 June 1981, I was driving on Anoka County 24 through the Cedar Creek Natural History Area and noticed a large gray owl perched on a metal fence post 20 ft. off the road, in a small field. As I passed, the owl turned and looked at me with yellow eyes. Realizing it was a Great Gray Owl, I immediately drove to the laboratory 0.5 miles east and picked up Neil Bernstein, John Haarstad, and Barbara Delaney. We returned and watched the owl with and without binoculars for 2-3 minutes before it flew into the woods. While on the post the bird assumed an alert posture several times, probably in response to passing cars. Three days later, at 15:00, a Great Gray Owl (likely the same individual) was seen at the same location by myself and Stephen Maxson. These sightings apparently constitute the second sight record of a Great Gray Owl at the Cedar Creek Natural History Area. The only previous report occurred during the 1980 Christmas Bird Count. George-Ann Maxson, Cedar Creek Natural History Area, 2660 Fawn Lake Dr. N.E., Bethel, MN 55005.

SUMMER SAW-WHET OWL OBSERVATION FROM SOUTHEASTERN MINNESOTA — Green and Janssen, writing in *Minnesota Birds, Where, When and How Many* state that there are no summer observations of the Saw-whet Owl for the 20th Century for the southeastern region of Minnesota. This statement may now be modified to include a 1981 observation. During the night of June 9-10, 1981 a Saw-whet Owl was heard calling from a steep wooded hillside, adjacent to the Whitewater River, in Whitewater State Park near the Cedar Hill Campground, Winona County. The call was first noted at approximately 9:45 p.m. and heard again at about 10:30 p.m. During the early part of this observation there were long periods of time during which no calls were given. Calling was nearly continuous from 11:00 p.m. until near mid-night at which time I went to sleep. I awakened twice during the early morning hours at about 1:30 a.m. and 3:15 a.m., the owl was heard calling at both of the above times. Shortly after 11:00 p.m. the