

Red-tailed Hawk 1 ? Identification
based wholly upon mechanics of flight.
Of course it is very possible that this
bird was some other buteo - I couldn't say.

California Shrike 1 sitting diagonally
atop a telephone wire. Couldn't be any
mistake about this. Frankly, the bird
fascinated me - those clean, deadly lines
and that air of depravation.

Western Meadowlark - 2 They sure didn't
like the weather.

Hungarian Partridge 5 pretty soon I
think I'll forget to record these too.
young Eagle (Golden?)? - Very doubtful
species. He had all the air of an immature
golden, if I may say so, and certainly
didn't seem to be a buteo of any sort.

However, the whole record is very doubtful.

American Pipit 1 - seen feeding in wheat
stubble. I'm fairly certain of this but
possible error is quite likely.

Sparrow Hawk - 2 seen perched on phone
wires huddled against the wind
and rain.

All told, the birds were certainly far from numerous.
Had I based the success of the trip solely upon
the incidence of bird life I should have been
thoroughly disgusted. Even at that, the trip was
not of a flop.

AMEN

I did manage to buy some fine apples - regular
delicious and golden delicious