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The cattle feeder had been cleaned on July 15 and the bird was not there then, so it probably died later in July.

I mailed the bands to Dr. Stuart Houston in Saskatoon, who reported them to the Canadian Wildlife Service in both Ottawa and Edmonton. Harry Armbruster of the C.W.S. office, Edmonton, promptly phoned Dr. Houston with the exciting news that this falcon had been raised in Dr. Tom Cade's captivity breeding program at Cornell University and had been "hacked out" at an artificial nest site in New Hampshire on July 17, 1976, by Dr. F. Prescott Ward.

It did not apparently return to its hacking site, as several others have done, but chose to wander more than 1800 miles west, only to die when little more than one year old.

## LARGE CONCENTRATION OF COMMON NIGHTHAWKS

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On August 8, 1977, at approximately 3:00 p.m., while returning from a trip to the Duck Mountains, my wife and I observed a unique spectacle on No. 10 highway about 20 miles north of The Pas, Manitoba.

We were driving along when suddenly we found ourselves in the middle of what appeared to be hundreds of darting, diving birds. I eased up on the gas pedal because we almost hit several of the birds which were flying only a few feet above the pavement. Large numbers of birds could also be seen a 100 feet or so above the ground.

Identification of the birds was easy due to the large numbers close to the car. The swept-back wings and prominent white wing patch were

unmistakable. These birds were Common Nighthawks. Nighthawks feed heavily on flying insects but insect activity was not obvious and therefore, the reason for such a large concentration is uncertain.

We proceeded a little farther north and the commotion ended as suddenly as it had begun. Although birds could still be seen behind us in the rear view mirror we were out of the flight.

Although I have watched and heard these birds on previous occasions, usually in the evening over towns, I have never witnessed such a large concentration before, especially in the middle of the afternoon.



*Common Nighthawk*

R. E. Gehl

## WHITE-FACED IBIS AND CATTLE EGRET AT LITTLE QUILL LAKE

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Several times in August, 1977, Joe Totten of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service saw up to seven Cattle Egrets and up to four White-faced Ibises at the Ding Darling project of Duck Unlimited at the southeast corner of Little Quill Lake, Saskatchewan. The egrets were last seen on August 31 and the Ibises on September 1. Mr. Totten was familiar with both species in the United States.