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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

As the season changes and birds migrate south, *Meadowlark* too is changing, migrating to higher planes. It's as thrilling for us to work on completing and improving each issue as it is to enjoy a plethora of Broad-winged Hawks riding thermals in the sky on a brisk autumn day.

To further delineate the thrill of hawk watching, associate editor Peter Friederici has written "Hawk Watch," our cover story. A bird finding guide tells you where and when to find hawks close to home.

The rest of the issue is packed with identification tips and seasonal highlights, plus a heartwarming essay, "Birds Across The Shore," by Steve Barg.

For me, the essay stresses a perspective of bird watching that we sometimes overlook; namely, that we can enjoy the mysteries of nature without wandering far from home. I hope to see some of you out in the field this fall observing migration right here in our prairie state.

Sheryl De Vore