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I have been called every thing for doubting bird records in this area, so usually double-check records before a question and am glad I did in the latest case of Mrs. Getscher. I would have given up on her, if I hadn't checked with you and found You had inadvertently put down wrong bird.

The Blue-winged Warbler is a common summer resident over the entire state of Missouri, except the Joplin area. It is a probable nester in Kansas and has been found nesting for years in a triangle in Nebr. from Red Cloud to Omaha and all points south and east. Old Isidor Trostler found it nesting in southwest Iowa, 75 years ago. It has been found many times nesting all through eastern Iowa, Polk County and west to Boone County.

Maybe we have somebody in Mrs. Getscher, who will come up with what we haven't had since ML. Jones left Waubonsie, a good observer.

I have been urging Eldon Bryant to do hard field work on birds, as to date he seems our only bet out here. Bob Nicholson is a good boy, but is hard at making a living, selling cattle and gets out only on weekends. Personally I hope he never gets any more interested in birds than he is, as it is a thankless, worthless, to be despised by the nabors, sort of an existence.

Yes, I think a sectional arrangement for the A&D list would be best. It would sure smoke out a lot of these loudmouths at the IOU meetings. Some here from Sioux City couldn't give you enough good A&D dates to even mention. That would be true all over the state. That is why it will probably settle down to the one or two good observers I mentioned in last letter, from various parts of state. It could be worked up when Junior runs out of material again. He will get a little over-run of notes now, but it will soon settle back to the few old faithfuls.

Just to keep the record straight so you won't think I am pulling your leg, I am returning your letter of 11-11-62 giving the name of the warbler in question. Don't waste postage on a reply.

Respectfully,

*Mr. Grunwaldt*