

BIRD HARBOR NURSERY

M. A. STEMPER, PROP'R



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Des Moines, Ia.

Dear Sir: Your letter of Dec. 10th at hand and must apologise for not answering sooner, but have been waiting to go over some of father's papers to see what I could find relating to the collection. Through work and laziness I have not done so yet but hope to in a short time. At what time the McCrean's Longspurs were taken I am not sure but do know they were taken here. However I may find something in regards to them in his notes. As to the Prairie Falcon, Montana Horned Owl, & Smooth Night Hawk I am not familiar enough with them to identify. So when you are here again if you point out the specimens to me I probably can give you some date pertaining to them. You are correct in regards to the Ruffed Grouse. The whip-poorwill can be heard along the Missouri river north and south of Cobbluffs especially around Crescent and Glenwood. There are also a few in the large grove 5 miles East of Macedonia. About the middle of the 80's the

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Wood cock were rather plentiful. There is no question about the water ouzel. Mr. ^{LANT} ^{MASON} of Hastings ^{Mills Co.} killed the bird and sent it to father. The bird was taken in the spring after a during a 3 or 4 days of strong N. W. winds and snows. If I remember rightly some time in April. I am under the impression that Mr. Mason is dead, if not I shall try and see him and get his story. The Cinnamon Teal was taken by myself about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile west of town. Was taken ^{late} in April was with a flock of 15 or twenty Blue Wings. The only one in the flock. Time late 90'. Father placed the specimen ^{with the Western birds} because that was where he belonged. He did that with several of them. I know you are trying to get your data correct and I try to be as accurate as I can. The two ^{SNOWY} ^{DWLS} Snowy Chols were taken here in '88, the time of the big blizzard when many of them came this far south. The Barn Owl was taken at Clelland about 8 mi North of here.

Respect Yours
M. A. Stemper