

National, via McGregor, Iowa. January 5, 1932.

Dear Mr. DuMont:

Some weeks ago I received a reprint of your article "Summary of Bird Notes from Pinellas County, Florida." the rereading of which had added interest after having met its author. Please accept my thanks for it, likewise thanks for the pleasure you have given me in the pages of the "Birds of Polk County, Iowa". Since I have just finished a letter to the Des Moines Audubon Society, it occurs to me to quote a paragraph from that letter.

"I have had the pleasure of examining the "Birds of Polk County, Iowa." by Philip A. DuMont and wish to extend to you and the author my most hearty congratulations upon the valuable contribution to science embodied in this publication. For many years to come it will render great service to bird students and more especially to beginners in the study. I speak with greater appreciation of its helpfulness, because for several years until I had compiled my own data on migration, I had no guiding information on the dates for arrival and departure of our birds. It will prove decidedly helpful not only for local ornithologists but also for those at a distance from Des Moines. My sincere thanks are due to those who presented me with a copy."

As an Iowan I feel proud of this addition to the literature on the birds of our state. It shows a very large amount of hard work and claims the admiration of all those enjoying scientific research. I trust that it is only a forerunner of many more successful publications.

Under another cover I send you some of my reprints some of which may be new to you.

Most sincerely yours,

*Althea R. Sherman.*