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W. C. Jarnigan, Editor
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Dear Editor:

Since the European Starling was introduced into New York City in 1890, it has spread throughout the entire eastern part of the United States and in 1918 first crossed the Alleghany Mountains. The earliest occurrence of this bird in Iowa was at Lamoni in 1922. The next record was near Cedar Rapids in 1928.

Since that time the Starling has been found in all of the ninety-nine counties of Iowa, with the exception of Lyon, Osceola and Buena Vista. There have already been reports of this short-tailed, pointed-winged and yellow-beaked bird from Buena Vista County, but none of these reports have been at all definite as to when the bird was first seen, in what exact locality and by whom.

I am writing in the hopes that you will publish this letter as a request for this specific information so that we may determine when the Starling actually was first seen in this County. The writer would appreciate information of this sort which may be either directed to this paper or sent to me at the office of the Fish and Game Commission in Des Moines.

Very truly yours,

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