

starling
Giard, via McGregor, Iowa.

May 20 1934.

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Dear Phil:

I think our acquaintance is old enough so we can drop the Mr., at least at times. I am sending you the Starling records. From what I heard here and there, some of the people wondered why and what the use was. Just this sort of thing I am strong for. Now is the time to get the history of the invasion. In two years or so it will be impossible to get reliable ~~hope~~ hope. How interesting it would be if we had a record of the coming of the English Sparrow. With all the dignity of one member of the executive council to another, By all means figure out some way to get your paper of the size so Fred can use it. Years hence, such a one will be of interest. Also let no one dampen your spirits with your work on races. How could a work on Iowa birds appear, with so little done along this line, and it certainly would have to have mention.

To correct first record for Clayton Co. Feb. 26 1930. Althea R. Sherman.
Howard Co. At Maple Leaf. By myself. 9 birds. Dec. 14 1933.

Perhaps an earlier one will show up.

Allamakee Co. At Waukon Junction. By myself. 11 birds. May 16 1933.

Winneshiek Co. At Canoe. By myself. 1 bird. Nov. 11 1931. You mentioned that Strunk had a record for you, but I am sending this for what its worth.

Hope sometime you can be up this way and spend the week end here. Am sure we could get along.

Sincerely,

Oscar P. Albert