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Phil DuMont

Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Phil:-

Received your fine letter several days ago and was mighty glad to hear from you again. I have thought of you boys a great deal since we were together last spring and I hope that you can come up over a week end to pay us a visit again now and especially since my wife came home as you have never met her. I will guarantee something other than "bachelor grub" if you come up now. I have been so busy the past month taking bird pictures that I have been on the jump every spare minute. I really wish that I might have six weeks from May 15th to July 1st to do nothing else but take pictures. I sure would work 18 hours a day and when I get my new camera I promise you that I will turn out some good stuff. Birds I have worked with this spring have been Robin, Bluebird, Horned Owl, Marsh Hawk, Bobolink, Whip-poor-will, Maryland Yellow-throat, Quail, Crow, so you see I have been kept busy. In fact I have simply had to let some of them get away from me as I did not have the time. I noticed at noon that a Catbird is building in the Dogwood bush against my house. Another job in sight. The young Martins are also hatched in our martin house and I am going to try to get a shot of the old bird feeding them if possible. That will be another "steeple jack" job like the owl pictures. I'm not afraid though. Drop me a line before you come up as we are away so much and I would not want to miss you. Was in your city yesterday but was too busy to look you up. Kindest regards from Junior and from, "yours truly",

W. M. R.