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Phil DuMont

Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Phil:-

Many thanks for your kind letter. Was glad to hear you got a ride most of the way home and that you finished up with a list of 55. We finished with 49 as I got the Marsh Hawk after I got home also the Martin and the Chipping Sparrow.

I am placing your name on our program for the subject "Inhabitants of a City Swamp" and you may use anywhere from 15 to 30 minutes.

Yesterday morning we listed the Yellow Head Blackbird also the Bartramian Sandpiper which brings my list up to 76 I believe.

Have been working this week photographing the nest and young of the Great Horned Owl and it is a job for a steeple jack and engineer combined. I climbed 60 ft up in a basswood tree to attach my pulley on which I hoisted up a 16 ft ladder. This I suspended like a suspension bridge with the outer end swinging free just six feet from the nest which was on the top of an old tree stump 37 ft high. It has been a daredevil job but I think the pictures will be worth the effort and will ^{be} something everyone does not have.

Sorry that we could not treat you better when you were here since Mrs Rosen was not at home but you will have to come back again when she is home and we can do better. I am enclosing a couple of pictures and you may give one to Kenneth with my regards. Hope to see you both at Mitigwa next week end. With kindest regards I am,

Sincerely your friend,