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April 6, 1934

Mr. Philip A. Du Mont,
306 51st. Street,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Du Mont;

Looking through your letter regarding a "Revised List of the Birds of Iowa" I send the following notes on species mentioned therein, I hope they may be of use to you.

American Scoter - probably shot on the Des Moines Rapids, tho⁸ my old notes do not say so, on 31 Oct. 1894. I still have the skin but with my other large skins it is packed away. My note gives the length 19.6 and the wing 8.5.

I think I already gave you particulars of the Red-throated Loon. I saw the mounted specimen, said to have been obtained near Ottumwa. The high school used to have a collection of local mounted birds and it might have found a resting place there.

Hooded Merganser. I suspected this bird bred in the neighbourhood yet the only note I have that would support the theory is:- 1st. July 1897, a flock of six young birds on the rapids.

Branta canadensis. I have only two skins which I selected to record extremes of size.

Length	39	Wing	19.5	Extent	69.
"	33.7	"	17.3	"	63.

Bald Eagle: I never got a white headed bird, Coues says the brown birds measure larger. My sizes are as follows

5 Nov. '93	L.	37.	W.	24.5	♀ ♂
13 Nov. 93		37.		24.	
20 Mar. 96		37.25		25.	

Gavia immer elasson:- All the birds I ever came across seemed to be small. I have in my notes measurements of seven;

L.	28.5	W.	13	Bill	2.75
	30.5		13.25		2.70
	31.5		13.6		3.1
	30.5		13.	XX	3.1
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	31.		13.5		3.2
	27.75		12.5		2.5

The loon was well known to hunters in spring and fall, commoner in my experience in the fall.

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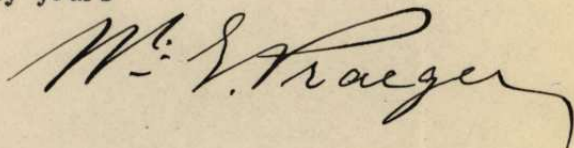
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I hope these measurements will help you to determine the variety in question.

My skins are mostly packed away. We have no proper place for them. I get them out every other year when I have a bird class. Probably I will have to dispose of them soon as it is about time I was retired and no one else in the department would use them. They are my own property and do not belong to the college.

As to the list of migration dates I will try to do something but it will take time. You will hear from me before the first of July.

Cordially yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. E. Praeger", with a long, sweeping underline.