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Mr. Philip A. Du Mont,
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Dear Mr. Du Mont:

While in Iowa last summer I wrote to you in care of the State University at Iowa City and the letter was returned to me. I had seen your Revised List of the Birds of Iowa at the Davenport library and some one (I believe at the Davenport Public Museum) had told me that you were contemplating a new edition of this Iowa list. When I returned to Fla., I saw a copy of the Oologist with your list of Iowa breeding birds.

I believe you are the Mr. Du Mont I met in Tampa, Fla. in 1928 or 29.

There are some notes I can give you which may be of help to you. The Tree Swallow nested on Credit Island, Davenport and so did the Carolina

(2) Wren ^{in 1934}. The latter was first observed in Iowa by me the past summer. Charles F. Mueller of Davenport saw the Wrens early in 1934 and regularly during the year till fall, since which time I have had no reports from him. He also saw the tree mallows. I found the tree mallows nesting on the Rock Island Arsenal opposite Davenport in May, a few days after arriving in Iowa. The Bewick Wren nested in Bettendorf Iowa in 1923. I saw the nest first on May 31, 1923, it was built under a porch floor and contained young. The folks living at this place told me that these strange Wrens had nested there the year before. Since then I have no knowledge of them nesting around my former home region as I have been in Florida a great deal of the time since then. The Blue gray gnatcatcher nested in Illinois near Park Byron (opposite Le Claire) some years ago. Mr. John J. Schaefer found the nest. Probably nested on Iowa side ^{also}.

Starlings are breeding commonly in Scott Co. Never had seen the bird there till 1934, however, I hadn't spent much time in Iowa since 1932. The Prothonotary warbler has nested on Credit Island park at Davenport for many years. Last summer it was much scarcer for the C.C.C. workers had manicured the island and destroyed most of the nesting sites for this and other cavity nesting species.

What is the price of your Revised list of the Birds of Iowa? Chas. F. Mueller of Davenport reported seeing both Amer. egrets and little blue herons at Credit Island last summer. His account in Bird Lore was sent in before he saw the greatest number of these birds present in one day.

Have you been in Fla. in recent years? I have been here most of the time since early 1926. I have done a great deal of bird photography.

④ in various sections of Fla.
During the past 4 years I
have made a number of
trips to the Kissimmee prairie
region and secured some
good photos of Audubon's
Caracara, Fla. Burrowing &
Barred Owls, Fla. Crane nests
and other subjects.

yours truly,
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