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MAQUOKETA, IOWA I-13-33

Phillip A. DuMont

Dear Sir:

I am returning bird sheet received this week with such notations as I was able to give. In such cases as I do not know I made no comment. I found after I had completed it that I did not follow instructions correctly. For instance where I said rare in my meaning it means there is a few of them and can be seen occasionally. Not meaning one specimen as stated in the instructions. Where I say common there is good numbers of them. Where I say spring and fall I mean that they only migrate through here and do not nest here. Am hoping you can understand it. I do want to call your attention to two rare birds for this locality. Since 1914 we have had a fine colony of real mocking birds come each May and leave in Sept. and nest about 4 miles north east of Maquoketa. I with my family have gone out and seen them several times each season and have had dozens of other folks go see them. Some even coming from Clinton to see them. During the past year several pileated wood peckers have been seen near here. This is the first I have known of them in this part of the country. There is at least a pair near the old deserted town of Clay Mills over the line in Jones Couty. There has been two seen in Otter Creek Twp. this County and one specimen near Toronto in Clinton County. Would be pleased to have you call and see my museum when in our little City and would go



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out and show you the mocking birds in their season here. There is no question about the mocking birds and the pileated wood peckers being the real thing as I have made many trips out to study the mocking birds and have been in the southern states enough to know them and am quite familiar with the variety common in California. Have not seen the wood peckers but have had reliable people come into my office and describe them so perfectly that I knew what they were and then would show them a mounted specimen and they readily recognized it. I stoped a fellow from killing one to bring in a few days ago as I did not want him to violate the law. Yours Truly,

Frank E. Ellis

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