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Philip A. DuMont
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Dear Mr. DuMont:-

Thanks again for the last installment of data on the goose migration. With the help of observers in both United States and Canada, I am getting quite a file on the goose migration.

From reports which have come to me, I am of the opinion that you are right in your belief that the general route followed is non-stop from the Gulf of Mexico to Missouri and Iowa and then a more gradual infiltration through South Dakota. For some reason, I do not get many reports of geese in large numbers from North Dakota-- perhaps the birds leap over and come to the Manitoba prairies. Kendal and Upham (lower Souris Refuge) are the only two points in North Dakota which have reported geese to me as yet.

Perhaps the enclosed migration data will be of some value to you. Please excuse the fact that it is a carbon copy-- I am my own steno and a number of people wanted the information.

What happens after the geese leave Grants Lake area near Winnipeg I do not know, except that they eventually show up in James Bay. Perhaps we may solve the problem some day-- at least we are trying. The geese leave here for the north the last few days of April or early May.

I am only too glad to exchange any information so please feel free to ask.

Very truly yours

Burt Gresham

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1938 NORTHWARD MIGRATION OF BLUE GESE AND LESSER SNOW GESE
COMPILED BY BURT GRISHAM, WINNIPEG, FROM DATA SUPPLIED BY CORRESPONDENTS.

Feb. 16.	Mound City, Mo.	Five Blue Geese.
Feb. 25.	Little Sioux River, Ia.	Blues and Snows on fields.
March 3.	St. Joseph, Mo.	Blue Geese reported.
March 3.	Missouri Valley, Ia.	Blue Geese reported.
March 4.	Mound City, Mo.	6,000 geese, 95% Blues, 5% Snows.
March 10.	Lake Andes, S.D.	First Flock, Blues and Snows.
March 13.	Mound City, Mo.	50,000 geese, 90% Blues.
March 15.	Wendamin and Missouri Valley, Iowa,	Big Flocks.
March 16.	Omaha, Neb.	Geese present by thousands, feeding on winter wheat, resting on sand bars in Missouri and IA Platte rivers.
March 16 & 17.	Whitesouth, Manitoba.	Four Blues and Two Snows. A most exceptional record, nine days earlier than previous first record for Manitoba in eleven years, and in a district from which geese are not usually present. The report was checked and believed to be authentic.
March 17.	Sand Lake & Columbia, S. Dak.	42 Snows and 39 Blues.
March 18.	Mound City, Mo.	10,000 Blues and Snow Geese feeding.
March 18.	Warren, Manitoba.	29 Blues and Snow Geese.
March 18.	Cartwright, Man.	20 Blues and 3 Snows.
March 18.	Portage la Prairie, Man.	500 Canada Geese.
March 19.	Westbourne, Manitoba.	200 Blue Geese.
March 19.	Brunkild, Manitoba.	8 Blue Geese.

Northward Migration of Blue Geese and Snow Geese.

March 19.	Argyle, Manitoba.	Several Flocks , Snow and Blue Geese.
March 21.	Deloraine, Manitoba.	Several flights, Blue and Snow Geese.
	Rosser, Man.	Flock/ of 50 geese, 16% Snows.
	Boissevain, Man.	150 Snow Geese.
	Morden, Man.	24 Blue Geese,
	Pilot Mound, Man.	16 Blue Geese.
March 21.	Lake Andes, S. Dak.	1,000 Blue Geese, 5,000 Snows, 3,000 White Fronted and 1,000 Canada Geese.
March 24 & 25.	Douphin, Man.	16 Blue Geese feeding.
March 25.	Macdonald, Man.	Large flocks of Snow Geese.
March 26.	St. Estache, Man.	75 Blue Geese, 25 Lesser Snows, reported to be feeding for the past week.
April 1.	Lower Souris Refuge, Upham, N. Dak.	⁴⁰⁰ Mixed flock of Blues and Lesser Snows in about equal proportions.
April 4.	Kendal, N. Dak.	20 Lesser Snows and Nine Blue Geese.
April 7.	Grant's Lake area, Manitoba.	80 Geese, 10% Snows seen near the Beaver dam.