

The Blum Bird Collection near Terril.-- A private collection of 74 mounted birds is contained in the home of Mr. Clifford Blum, three miles south and one-half mile east of Terril, Dickinson County, Iowa. All of these birds were secured locally, since 1930, either on the Blum farm in Dickinson County or just across the line south in Clay County. These specimens, all of which were mounted by Blum, form a display in one room of the residence. While none of the birds have labels attached, a complete written record has been preserved of the unusual specimens.

An adult Swainson's Hawk was secured two and one-half miles south of Terril, April 21, 1931. An American Rough-legged Hawk was taken August 16, 1931 in Clay County. The collection contains three Eastern Red-tailed Hawks, one of which is an adult and three Krider's Hawks, all in first or second year plumage. An adult male Scarlet Tanager was found dead in Dickinson County, May 10, 1933, following some local snow flurries. A Blue Goose was secured near Lost Island Lake, an American Golden-eye was taken in Dickinson County, and a female Red-breasted Merganser was collected locally. A fully plumaged Golden Plover was secured southeast of Terril, May 4, 1933. The nineteen specimens of Ring-necked Pheasant display the great individual variation that occurs in this species.

This collection was examined March 9, 1934 and permission was granted by letter to publish these data.--Philip A. DuMont, Des Moines, Iowa.