

May 8th, 1935.

Miss Ortha Green
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Dear Miss Green:

On April 23rd, I had the pleasure of seeing your collection of mounted birds.

Mr. Lloyd Smith brought Mr. Batton and I out and we spent some-time in looking over the various specimens. I told your mother that I wanted to write to you asking for specific information in regard to three of the specimens. My interest in these birds is entirely from the standpoint of as to how they may serve as records of the occurrence of these birds in Iowa.

The two specimens of Starlings, which you have, your mother informed me were taken by Miss Faye Blakey. Do you know if these birds were part of the flock of seventeen which Miss Blakey saw during June, 1932, in Union Township of Wayne County? According to records which she submitted to me, this was probably the latest occurrence of the Starling in this County.

Your mother told me that the Ferruginous Rough-legged Hawk was brought to you recently from Sewall or Lineville. If this is an Iowa taken specimen, it probably is only the third or fourth specimen which has been preserved in Iowa. There are a number of sight records of it but for some reason few specimens have been saved.

This Rough-legged Hawk is the very light one which is on the case at the west end of the room and is mounted with the wings spread.

I am especially interested in the very little gray Horned Owl. It appears to be wide enough to be the Arctic Horned Owl of which there are only three specimens. This Arctic Horned Owl comes down during the winter. Through the Hudson Bay region there is another somewhat pale Horned Owl which comes in from the northwest. Can you send me more details as to where, when and by whom it was secured.

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I am enclosing a copy of a list of your specimens which I made at the time of my visit which may prove of interest to you.

I would appreciate very much any information which you can send me of your collection, telling me the period of time over which you have collected these birds, whether they have all been in Wayne County, and whether you did all of the mounting yourself. I have begun a series of articles which will describe various private bird collections in Iowa and I would like, if you are willing, to write up such an account of your collection to be used in Iowa Bird Life sometime next fall.

Very truly yours,

Philip A. DuMont, In Charge
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