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Phil DuMont

New York, N.Y.

Dear Phil:-

Your letter received and I decided I would not wait so long this time in answering especially since I have a little time this morning. I do not have my notes at the bank but know my life list is just 200 for Boone Co. and I think my 1927 list is about 167 here. I have had about 105 field trips this year so far and representing about 250 hours of actual field observations. If we were getting \$1.00 per hour for this work we soon would have a lot of money tied up in it but now it is all for the satisfaction we get and what we learn. Sunday was a wonderful day and I arose at daybreak and with Junior and one of his friends we started for the timber. Junior took my old double barrel shot gun and we stopped at the pond on the way where he shot a Shoveller and missed a couple of Blue Winged Teal. We spent about three hours in the timber and had to get back home for church but managed to list eight varieties of Sparrows in our total list of 28. Lincoln, Harris, Song, Tree, Fox, Vesper, Field and White Throats. Sunday afternoon with Mr Schneider our photographer I tramped from the mouth of Bluff Creek almost to its source a distance of about seven miles and did not see a single Warbler. Guess they are about all gone. I have asked Kenney to meet us at Long Pond on Nov 12 for the Survey. No, I do not belong to the A.O.U. but I do belong to the Wilson Club. Send your I.O.U. dues to Kenney who is Sec'y. Dues for 1927 are 50¢ but for 1928 they will be \$1.00 I certainly would like to spend a week with you and those bird men of N.Y. You have a rare opportunity and it is worth a lot to you. Am getting two dozen new slides made up from my 1927 pictures. Next time you come out I will be glad to show them to you.

Kindest regards from your "buddy", *Walt*

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GREEN IOWA

Can you get me a copy of Bent's Life History of North American Diving Birds? It is Bulletin #107 issued by the American Museum at Washington, D.C. They are all sold out and since I have all the succeeding volumes I want this the first one in order to complete the set. Perhaps you could find one in a book store or locate a second hand one for me. Let me know if you locate one, please.