

306 Fifty-first Street,  
Des Moines, Iowa.  
May 16, 1934.

Mr. James L. Peters,  
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Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Peters:

I am sorry to have been so negligent about acknowledging your fine letter of January 2nd. I have been very busy on the field work in connection with the Wild Life Restoration program.

Never the less I am most appreciative for the report on your findings among the ten Iowa specimens of Grasshopper Sparrow. I had planned to secure a large series of breeding material this summer but so far this program has been side-tracked.

I am mailing to you, however, under separate cover, four more Iowa specimens of Savanna Sparrow. These appeared lighter than the birds which are present at this time. I have several people on the look-out for any breeding specimens that might be found.

When time allows you to examine these birds will you include them with the other Savanna and Grasshopper Sparrows for returning to me at the above address, at my expense ?

I collected the first Iowa specimen of Shufeldt's Junco during April in northwestern Iowa. Sent it to Prof. Swenk for comparison with material in his collection.

I was out all day Sunday and had a list of 115. We do not seem to be able to get the combination for a big single days list here in the Middle West. Found a Marbled Godwit and Northern Phalarope that day. There are several reports of the former this spring and the Hudsonian Godwit is even more numerous.

Starlings continue to spread westward. We now have actual reports from 73 of the 99 counties in Iowa. Probably these present in all parts of the State except the extreme northwest, although I found them even in that section.

I wonder if I gave you permission to use any and all of the information gained from these specimens. You may use it as you see fit. I hope that it may be published by the end of the year when we hope to revise and reprint the Iowa list which was issued through the University of Iowa last November.

With best wishes to yourself and Griscom, I am

Very truly yours,