

Ogden, Iowa.

Dear Phil:-

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Birds listed by you as common which I have never listed in Boone Co.
(Those followed by a question mark indicate that I may have seen them but have been unable to identify them)

Horned Grebe	Polk Co	KN	Traill's Flycatcher (?)	Polk Co
Loon	Polk Co		Alder Flycatcher	(?)
Double-crested Cormorant	Polk Co	KN	Henslow Sparrow	(?)
American Merganser			Orange-crowned Warbler	Polk Co KN
Red-breasted Merganser	Polk Co		Black-throated Blue Warbler	
Red Head Duck	Boone Co		Prairie Warbler	
Golden Eye	Polk Co		Grinnell's Waterthrush (?)	Polk Co
Bufflehead	Polk Co	KN	Yellow-breasted Chat	Boone Co KN
King Rail	Polk Co		American Pipit	
Green-crested Flycatcher				

The following are those listed by you as rare or uncommon but all of which I have observed in Boone Co. and in many cases of the rarer ones I have the specimens mounted in my collection.

Least Tern	Golden Plover
White Pelican	Prairie Hen
Hooded Merganser	American Goshawk ✓
Old Squaw	Harlan Hawk ✓
Lesser Snow Goose ✓	Rough-legged Hawk ✓
Blue Goose ✓	Bald Eagle
White-fronted Goose ✓	Barn Owl
Northern Phalarope	Western Horned Owl
Stilt Sandpiper ✓	Lapland Longspur ✓
Red-backed Sandpiper ✓	Northern Shrike ✓
	Philadelphia Vireo ✓

Several in the last list have only been observed once in all my records and I still consider them rare birds for this County although I have them on my list.

Those in the latter list which I have observed more than once are:-

Lesser Snow Goose	Prairie Hen (every year)
Blue Goose	Lapland Longspur (not rare)
Red-backed Sandpiper (not rare)	Philadelphia Vireo

I think your idea of a list of this kind is good but it would be rather hard for us all to agree upon the division. I don't think you have missed it very far as you will see by my comments above.

Our census this year was not so good but we tried anyway.

My 1927 list for Boone Co. was 168 and with six others outside made a total of 174

I had 112 field trips with a total of 267 hours in the field.

It means a lot of intensive work and required a lot of patience.

We are all going down to Drake to hear the Filleys on Saturday evening as I know they are fine.

My total life list for Boone County is now 202 and with a total of 17 outside it makes 219 all together.

I am keeping typewritten lists for each year as well as typewritten life list and it makes a pretty complete record. It has been suggested that several of us get together and combine our records and get out a new "Birds of Iowa". I would be glad to help if the other "fans" would care to go into it. Pardon my long delay in answering your letters but you know that incidently I have a little bank that needs attention.

Regards from us all.

Your chum, *Walter*