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Phil DuMont

Tananarive, Madagascar.

Dear Phil:-

Your post card dated Feb 19th arrived to day and I will answer at once. Your card took 45 days to get here so you will not get this letter until May 20th according to that schedule.

You state that you are having a "big time" and I agree with you. That was an opportunity of a lifetime and I am glad that you got the chance to go. I only wish that I might be with you.

About a month ago I spent Saturday and Sunday with Walter Bennett at Sioux City and last Saturday he came down here and spent Saturday and Sunday with me. On Sunday we were out from daylight until evening and listed 46 birds. That was very good for a March day. It was the best I ever had for March. It brought my 1930 list up to 58 and that also is a little better than other years.

During the afternoon we drove to Long Pond where the Des Moines Bird Club were checking up on ducks and geese. Dr and Mrs Roberts from Ames were also there and they brought Junior along with them as he is a freshman over at Ames this year. We were a nice bunch and had a wonderful time together. The best thing we had there was a Duck Hawk which sat watching the ducks out on the pond from a near by fence post across the pond. They could not agree on the classification of him and were arguing about it when Walter and I came.

John Stewart said he was going to organize an Annanias Club as there were so many in the crowd who could qualify. Not quite as many ducks there as last year but it is early yet. I think that to morrow we could find a dozen varieties of ducks on Long Pond.

Walter Bennett as President of the I.O.U. has detailed me to get up an Iowa check list which we will have printed on small 3 x 5 cards and sold to members for cost of printing. That will be fine but I find that it is some job to satisfy everyone. The idea is not to have a perfect list as sub species and very rare species would not be shown. I think cards like that are fine for field trips and we will follow the form, to some extent, of that used by Kilgore of Minnesota U.

Our I.O.U. meeting this year will be held in Omaha in connection with the Nebraska folks. We certainly will miss you in our Iowa crowd. When you return you will have to be our main speaker and tell us all about Madagascar. I have written you before and am wondering if my letters reached you. Let me know the next time you write me. Hope that you will remember me with a few lines again when you have time as I certainly appreciate hearing from you.

Your friend,

Walter