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Mr. Philip A. DuMont
2700 49th Street
Des Moines, Iowa,

Dear Sir,

During the spring and summer of this year I spent part of a vacation at my old home in Ottumwa + compiled a rather modest list of birds a copy of which I am enclosing in the hope there may be something of interest to you therein.

My experience in the field is limited, being confined to three years, mostly spent in the Boston region where I am located as a school teacher.

I was much impressed by the excellence of your "Revised List of the Birds of Iowa".

Very truly yours,
Oscar M. Root

The following birds were all seen in Wafello County in 1938, except as indicated, by Oscar M. Root, 312 N. Court Street, Ottumwa, Iowa. from March 15 to August 6.

Great Blue Heron - 2 in migration in May
Eastern green heron - summer resident

Common Canada goose - many in migration ^{in spring} at Ottumwa - 3 on Lake Wafello, Davis Co. in May.
Common mallard - one resting pair ^{in Davis Co.} & few in ^{spring} migration ^{in Wafello.}
American Merganser - flock of several hundred on Des Moines river in March & April

Sharp-shinned hawk - one in migration in May.

Eastern red-tailed hawk - several in spring migration

Northern Red-shouldered hawk - fairly common in ^{in Wafello & Keokuk.} spring -
one in Davis Co. in May - 2 in Wafello in July.
one " " " " Aug.

Eastern sparrow hawk - numerous in spring.

Turkey vulture - one in Wafello Co. in May, one in Davis Co. May 22
numerous about Lake Wafello, Davis Co.

Eastern Bob-white - a few seen in Wafello & Davis Co.

Ring-necked pheasant - one seen in May.

Killdeer - common summer resident ^{and Keokuk Co.} in Wafello - 2 seen in Davis Co. in May & flew in Davis Co. in Aug.

American coot - one in Davis Co. (Lake Wafello) in May - one in Wafello Co. in June.

American woodcock - one seen in May - one @ Lake Wafello in Davis Co. July 29.

- Prairie horned lark - common summer resident
 Tree swallow - common migrant
 Bank swallow - 2 dozen seen at one time in May.
 Rough-winged swallow - seems more numerous than bank sw.
 Barn swallow - common summer resident
 Northern cliff swallow - only half a dozen in May
 Purple martin - common summer resident
 Northern blue jay - common
 Eastern crow - common
 Black-capped chickadee - common
 Tufted titmouse - common
 White-breasted nuthatch - common Wapello & Davis Co.
 Red-breasted nuthatch - saw one in April
 Brown-creeper - several in April
 Western house wren - very common summer resident.
 Catbird - common summer resident
 Brown thrasher - " " "
 Eastern robin " " "
 Wood thrush " " "
 Eastern bluebird " " "
 Eastern ruby-crowned kinglet - common migrant
 Cedar wax wing - saw only one in June.
 Migrant shrike - common summer resident
 Starling - common
 Blue-headed vireo - saw one in Davis County May 29
 Red-eyed vireo - common summer resident
 Eastern warbling vireo - " " "
 Tennessee warbler - common in May
 Eastern yellow warbler - common summer resident
 Oven-bird " " "

- Myrtle warbler - numerous migrant
- Louisiana water-thrush - saw 2 in May
- Northern yellow-throat - common summer resident
Wapello & Davis Co.
- American redstart - saw 2 in May
- English sparrow - abundant.
- Meadowlark - common summer resident
- Red-wing - " " "
- Baltimore Oriole " " "
- Rusty blackbird - common in spring
- Bronzed Grackle - common summer resident
- Eastern Cowbird - " " "
- Scarlet Tanager - saw 2 in May
- Eastern cardinal - common
- Rose-breasted grosbeak - common summer resident.
- Indigo bunting - " " "
- Dickcissel " " "
- Eastern purple finch - saw several in spring
- Eastern goldfinch - common
- Red-eyed Towhee - " summer resident.
- Eastern Savannah sparrow - common in spring
- " Vesper sparrow - only a few this summer
- " Lark sparrow - common migrant - several summer resident
both Wapello & Davis Co.
- Slate-colored junco - common
- Eastern tree sparrow - common
- Clay-colored sparrow - several in May
- Eastern field sparrow - common summer resident
- White-crowned sparrow - only one in May.
- White-throated sparrow - numerous " May.
- Eastern Fox Sparrow - several in Mar - April
- Mississippi song sparrow - not common summer resident
- Eastern chipping sparrow - common summer resident