

July 16, 1932

Mr. Logan J. Bennett,  
c/o Lyle Nolan,  
Ruthven, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I have just returned from a conference with Mr. Leopold in Wisconsin and he as well as other conservationists are very much interested in the water fowl studies you have been conducting. I might even remark that he is greatly enthused. We think that it would be of great value to publish in the American Game, a preliminary paper, incorporating your findings, and data from general notes of a number of Mid-West ornithologists. The purpose of this paper will be an attempt to answer the question of - what constitutes water fowl nesting grounds? Information of this sort is of tremendous demand at the present time.

Now I had in mind writing this paper myself, but using your name as that of a junior author. This would serve to introduce you to the audience of American Game and so prepare the way for future papers you would be submitting "on your own".

I would like to get this article out by the latter part of the summer or early fall, but a great deal depends upon how promptly my other co-operators respond in sending me their data. As you doubtless gathered from previous conversations, the main thing that would be discussed would relate to nesting sites, with particular reference to environmental type, etc, and the distance from water or rearing grounds. Please bear these points in mind when compiling your own material and try to get as much information on the greatest possible number of duck nesting sites.

Professor Guthrie says that he expects you in here about Thursday to register. I could probably see my way clear to give you transportation in one direction, preferably after registration, because I might wish to spend a day in the field with you there. Perhaps you had better write me at once and let me know your precise plans for the coming week.



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I might remark that I had a highly satisfactory interview with Mr. Schuenke, Superintendent of Games, yesterday. We worked out what appears to be a fool-proof method of checking up on fall crippling losses; this I hope to discuss with you in person. Mr. Schuenke has also written the game warden stationed up there, Mr. Moses, suggesting to him that he get in contact with you, and aid you in every way within his power. I understand that there had been Canada geese nesting on a lake west of where you were working. He has also seen large numbers of Ruddy ducks, which might be nesting there also. Perhaps something could be arranged between you and Mr. Moses by which he could furnish you transportation for a few days to these lakes which are doubtless outside of your cruising radius on foot.

Do not fail to let me know immediately what your plans are for the week in order that we may be sure to get in contact.

Sincerely,

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