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Dear Tom:

Thanks for the letter. I have been doing bird reports for many years, mostly in Illinois. I am retired & live here now.

Mute Swan - The pair here are not wild. They live here the year around & nest here.

Ross' Goose - With large group of
Snow Geese - Smaller, with plain bill.

Horned Grebe - 4/23/98 - (2) - Sanborn IA.

Eared Grebe - 4/8/98 (2) and 4/30/98 (4) Sanborn, IA

Cattle Egret - 5/6/98 (4) Sanborn, IA. (on golf course)

Carolina Wren - Here all winter (1) Sanborn IA

Picture enclosed

Brewer's Blackbird - I know it is hard to identify. Short-tailed Blackbird, with grackles, when paired the female has a dark eye (as opposed to Rustys), what else could they be?

Sand Martin - The old Bank Swallow, I thought the name was changed by the A.O.U.?

Grackles

I have been looking for the
Great-tailed but it is not this
far north yet.

Bob