

Pleasantville Iowa

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Oct 25, 1976

Dear Nicholas' - I am so pleased that you have consented to do the Field Reports and please do stay with it even though we are a bunch of amateurs who do make unforgivable mistakes!

I wish to correct the mis-identification of the Warbler pict. sent to D.M. Register by Herb Darow. Mary Felsing + I did have 2 golden-winged warblers but both were females and in no way resembled the picture. Pict probably a Chestnut-sided.

Herb Darow who has not been banding very long simply sent in the wrong picture. He took pict of a number of warblers that day.

I did not catch the mistake at first as I do not take the daily Register but Mary Felsing, a new bander, called it to my attention + was very upset. The Banding Office could suspend both our banding permits for such gross negligence!

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I then called Otto Knauth, who accepts Herb's pacts + my copy and told him what had happened. He thought it probably better not to make a correction in the newspaper - after all warbler migration during the fall was gotten across to the public, he felt.

However I did notify the DOW President and one of the Inland Bird Banding Ass'n people of the mistake. And I wrote several here in La such as Woody Braun + Helen Peasley etc.

We had birds galore on the mud flats, upper end of Lake Red Rock from July 20 thru first week of Oct. And were lucky enough to have 10 Avocets about Sept 1 and 15 on Oct 1 seen by Jon Stravers of Pella and me. Had 300 Cormorants too. Ducks + geese few as the Refuge is the driest I've seen it since the Thirties, no potholes with water at all. Only 1 Osprey seen by Wildlife Biologist Carl Priebe. Had 5000 Franklins' Gulls too.

Sincerely,  
Gladys Black