March 8, 1991

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Dear Mr. Dinsmore:

My friend and former colleague, Prof. Peter Wickham, suggested that you might be interested in the following bird sightings. On Cedar Lake, which is in the N.E. section of Cedar Rapids, on March 9, 1990 I saw a female <u>Ruddy Duck</u> swimming with 30 Lesser Scaups. This year, on March 4<sup>th</sup>, I observed the same (or another) female there. The earliest "early date" listed in Dinsmore et al, <u>Iowa Birds</u> is 11 March, with all three early dates given as Iowa City. I hope this information is of some use to you.

Sincerely,

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