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Gentlemen:-

Under separate cover to day I am mailing you my migration report cards for the year 1926 for Ogden, Iowa and vicinity. There are 100 cards in envelope No.1 and 60 cards in envelope No.2 making a total of 160 birds listed here for 1926. The new birds listed for the year and the list of old ones not observed in 1926 I have made up on another sheet which I am enclosing.

I consider the most important record of the year the flock of seven Golden Plovers observed on May 16th. This is my first record of this bird and I was very glad to get them. I had three other observers with me at the time and we watched them feeding in a meadow for some time and then walked up to them and flushed them so had positive identification.

On Nov 2nd while hunting ducks in the first snow storm and in the same meadow I flushed several Wilson Snipes and as they raised a crippled bird ran along the shore of the pond and we caught him and found he had a broken wing which had entirely healed over. Taking him home I kept him in our basement in a warm place for a couple of weeks feeding him angle worms which he greatly relished. He finally died and I sent him to Dr Homer R. Dill of the State University of Iowa and he called it a female Golden Plover and prepared the skin for the University Museum. This was still more exceptional and I am wondering if this bird had been crippled in the spring and had remained there all summer or if it had come down in the fall migration and been crippled then.

Do you have any fall records of the Golden Plover in Iowa?

I would be pleased to have you write me at length regarding the present status of the Golden Plover in the middle west.

The compilation of the enclosed report represents a tremendous amount of field work and the careful preparation of data during evenings. During the year I had 95 field trips and my records show that I spent 269 hours in the field on actual field work.

May 16th was our red letter day when we were in the field from 4.30 A.M. until 7.30 P.M. and listed 101 varieties of birds. I wrote a paper covering this days work for the annual meeting of the Wilson Club held in Chicago in November and it was read at that time.

Kindly forward cards and all necessary supplies for the year 1927 at your convenience and let me hear from you regarding my report.

Very respectfully,