

April 9, 1980

Dear Dr. Kent,

Thank you for the card and the enclosures. I am returning your documentation.

You know I wonder about me. I am sure I sent the record of my seeing the scaups to you soon after I saw them. But if you can't find the letter, I am sure you keep things in better order than I do. Sometimes I keep a copy of notes I send to Field Notes Editor, but more times I just toss them after submitting the reports. I am hoping 1980 will deal more kindly to me, and I won't have scares and worries as I have had in 1979. Then, maybe I'll do better.

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I am really provoked with Don Priebe. Ruth was with me when I asked him if he had sent in his documentation of the Mississippi Kite. He said he hadn't done anything about it because no one would believe him anyway. The bird has been seen a number of times near Fontenelle Park (Omaha, Neb) but that isn't Iowa, and is about sixty miles north of us. I am hoping to see one again and to be able to document it.

In regard to the Greater Scaup; I have my first 1979 sighting as of April 13th in the same place. However, it was only one, and no other birds were in the pond at that time. Since I was careless about this last sighting, I am guessing it was during the middle of November. I had notes of other birds at that time. Many times I do not put in the diary second sightings. Thank you again for your patience.

Jone