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Gentlemen:-

I enclose you herewith my report of Bird Migrations for 1922 which I have prepared as best I could but this being my first year to report to you I perhaps have not prepared it exactly as it should be. I have been a close observer of our birds for many years and have only kept my own private records prior to this but in the fall of 1921 while at the Wild Life School at Mc Gregor, Iowa I was induced by Dr Oberholzer to handle your reports in this locality and I promised him that I would try it anyway. I decided that I would submit a list of not less than 100 but I have listed 115 varieties instead and have noted others which I could not identify with certainty. I have not guessed at any of these birds listed here but have absolute identity of them all. Many of them are new to me this year but there are others noted last year which I failed to see this year among which I could mention the White Crowned Sparrow and the Red Breasted Nuthatch. I also wish to mention here that the Junco seems to be very scarce this winter. I listed them several times early in the fall but only once in December although I looked in vain for them on Christmas Day when I took the Census.

The work is very interesting to me and I would be very much pleased to represent you in 1923 and trust that you will forward blanks and envelopes. Please send six blanks as I keep copies for my files. I also desire to mention that I was absent on a trip to California

during the entire month of August so I have no records whatever for that month. No doubt many of the early migrants left during August and my records are lacking there.

Mr Charles J. Spiker of New Hampton, Iowa who is also one of your correspondents, came down and spent four entire days with me and we put in every hour of daylight in studying our native bird life the first part of June. We spent this time at the Ledges State Park in this County and we worked together with Carl Fritz Henning the Custodian of the Park who was formerly one of your correspondents and this was four days of real bird work. We noted many new species during this time among them being the White Eyed Vireo and the Blue Winged Warbler and several others.

I have been endeavoring to get the bird lovers of Iowa organized into a Bird Club but thus far have not succeeded. I trust that we may be able to do something this year.

Any comments or suggestions concerning this my first report to you will be greatly appreciated and I sincerely hope that my list for 1923 will be larger.

Yours very respectfully,