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Dear Sir:

I regret not having attended the recent meeting of Iowa bird watchers at Ames.

*maybe weather input from NW*  
In addition to being a bird-watcher, I also indulge in a hobby of ~~weather observation~~. About 5:30 PM on May 8th while visiting weather instruments west of my house here in Odebolt, I heard an unusual bird song coming from a maple tree in my back-yard. The song sounded similar to a brown thrasher's yet somehow different. At the moment both my pocket tape recorder and binoculars were in the house, that is, not immediately available. But I got a look at the bird although it was partially concealed by leaves. However, the white wing patches led me to believe it was a mockingbird. This was my first observation of a mockingbird in Iowa, although I have seen many in other states.

I feel that this observation is important enough to report to someone in IOU, but I don't know who. Would you please forward this?

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*send details for reports?*