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Mountain Bluebird

12 Apr 1995

s. of Sutherland, O'Brien Co., IA

\*Darwin Koenig

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Jim,

Good to talk with you. Thank you for the reprint and Welty. Enclosed is reference to Saw-whet Owl eggs. Below are documentation of Merlin and Mountain Bluebird. Bohemian waxwings were reported in winter report by Lee Schoenewe; one was still present on March 29. Incidentally, one of first warblers I saw last spring (May 3) was a yellow-throated warbler foraging in the grass at Paullina; a long way from the nearest sycamore tree!

*Darwin*

#### Merlin

Date: 2 March 1995

Place: 3 miles east of Sutherland, O'Brien County, Iowa

Time: 4:15 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.

Conditions: Perched about 60 feet high in tree. Sky clear, sun at my back shining on bird, closest distance 60 feet. 25x scope, 7x binoculars.

Description: About size of kestrel; light below, heavily streaked with reddish brown; cere yellow, bill dark; eyes dark, eye rim yellow; upper parts light bluish-gray; crown bluish-gray; light superciliary line; no mustache mark; white throat and chin; gray tail with dark bands, white tip. Probably Richardson's race due to light coloring and lack of facial marks.

#### Mountain Bluebird

Date: 12 April 1995

Place: 3 miles east of Sutherland, O'Brien County, Iowa

Time: 11:05 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Conditions: Partly cloudy; distances from 100 yards to 75 feet; with 8-10 Eastern Bluebirds; 7x binoculars.

Description: Size of Eastern Bluebird; uniform sky blue above; lighter blue throat and breast, fading to bluish-white on abdomen and undertail coverts.

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