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Dear Fred:

I must be losing the remnants of my feeble mind as I can't locate your census list. I have the report form, and I know you sent me a list early with your description of the day, and later another list with the regular report, but I am unable to find either list. Will you send me another, PLEASE?

With further reference to our meadowlarks. When I got the details I found that one party (Joe Kennedy, Margaret Brooke and Mary Ellen Warters) had reported 1 E, 1 W. and a number of sp. I then knew exactly what had happened. Joe is a lister and only interested in the number of species seen in a year and I knew he had picked out one bird and from its call said "E" and another "W" so he added two species to his year's list. They are all going in as sp. but I think there has been some separation at other stations. As far as the newspaper story is concerned, I found out that Bill Boller, in order not to confuse the Register, had taken all meadowlarks reported and split them 50-50.

From the reports received so far there hasn't been any northern invasion. I don't think there are any ~~SISKINS~~ Redpolls which were common last year, and only a couple of Siskins. Few Red-breasted Nuthatches and Winter Wrens. Dubuque had a Brown-capped Chickadee. I must see if any other Iowa records but am pretty sure none on censuses. Believe Pete had one over in Ill. once, but not on a census.

Haven't given much time to the Bulletins, but as far as I've gotten they are interesting. I'll get them back to you as soon as I get the census out of the way.

Sorry to bother you about the list.

Thurs,