



Location of  
Bald Eagle  
nest, March,  
April, 1985  
Allamakee Co., Iowa

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Dear Tom,

I'm a bit concerned that American Birds reports that "Bald Eagles successfully nested in NE Iowa (fide FL)." (Nov. Dec. 1984, Vol. 38 No. 6, p. 1025)

Unfortunately, I don't have a copy of the report I sent to ABM, but I certainly did not intend to report "successful" nesting. I am sure I reported Bald Eagles perched near a presumed nest and frequenting a territory. To me, that is not successful nesting, which implies at least incubation and probably more like presence of fledglings.

Perhaps it's no big deal and just a matter of definition, but I don't like being part of misinformation.

Furthermore, according to refuge personnel, the nest in question at Pool Slough near New Albin may be in Minnesota. You may have reliable information about the exact location + state.



Finally, on March 2, two Bald Eagles were perched 10+ 50 yards from the Pool Slough nest, on March 30 at 4:00 PM, an adult was "on" the nest and "companion attendant" perched same tree, on April 5 at 12N two adults perched nearby the Pool Slough nest, and on April 7 at 6:45 AM, an adult was "on" the nest.

Also, I enclose a map showing a <sup>Bald Eagle</sup> nest <sup>location</sup> near the mouth of Wexford Creek on the Mississippi on March 30. We saw an adult carry nesting material to the nest, and a second adult nearby. At 12:30N, in light snow, 15 mph wind + 33°F on April 8, there was no adult on, at, or near the nest. Do you know of this nest?

I'll write to Peterjohn to clarify the status of the Pool Slough report last spring. I wrote to Pete about both the AB report and the Wexford nest. I assume you are still spring field notes editor.

I have been remiss in offering condolences about the death of your father. I "found out" last winter. He was an open and generous human being.

Sincerely,  
Fred