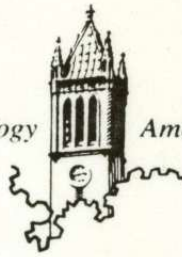


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Dear Bruce,

I noted that the latest American Birds had a corrigenda relative to the Bald Eagle nest in NE Iowa that was in information I sent you for summer 1984 (Amer. Birds 39:310). I thought that I ought to at least try to clear the air a little because it does involve me.

In the material I received from Fred Lesher was a note from him that Margaret Anderson, refuge manager for the Upper Mississippi River Fish and Wildlife Refuge had reported that an Iowa Bald Eagle nest at "Dead Haines" had fledged 2 young in 1984. I reported this in the material I sent you and referenced it Margaret Anderson fide FL. I purposely left out the specific location of the nest. In American Birds, you didn't mention Anderson so I gather Lesher thought you were referring to another nest near New Albin where he had seen eagles but had no evidence that they ever laid eggs. This spring he wrote Pete Petersen that he never reported a nest being active. Pete gave me this letter and I wrote back to Fred this summer, explaining as above. I never hear back from him and assumed I had satisfied him until I saw the correction in AB. I believe that two different nest sites are being confused but in any case, I still have the original from Fred in which he said a nest fledged two young in 1984. I just wish Fred would have written me directly so we could have gotten it squared away. I certainly am not writing to suggest that this be acted on any further--just wanted you to know that I did have grounds for sending you what I did. It also is not meant as a complaint as I recognize what a mass of data you have to sort through in a short time and I think you are doing a great job in putting together 4 reports a year like you do.

So far it has been a fairly interesting winter. Lots of Northern Shrikes and Evening Grosbeaks but no crossbills to speak of. Steve has been out almost every day so I get lots of feedback from him. Hope all is going well for you.

Sincerely,

*Jim Dinsmore*