

Pleasantville La
50225

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Dear Nick' - Rec'd a report of a Townsend's Solitaire, Kay Milner, Carydon La. Have mailed her a Rare Bird Documentation form & suggested she fill it in and mail to you. I have found her reliable in the past, but use your own judgment. I should have told her in an earlier letter to phone Charlotte Scott, Deymour in the same county to "come, see" when she had a rarity.

Have rec'd no more Snowy Owl reports and Sun. Reg is footdragging. I have had the final story in since about Mar 1. I never know when they will print a story, often out of date by the time they finally print. So we're stuck on 197 Snowies in 74 counties.

Tues a.m. I'm sure we had 100,000 ducks & geese on Lake Red Rack! A beautiful show. Hooded Mergansers & Buffleheads too - my favorites. Bald Eagles too.

Jon Stravers has 5 active Red tail nests under study & a 6th one, he thinks. All are around the Lake

over

or nearby timber, Today R + J Outdoor
Writer Larry Stone, State Ecologist Sean
Roosa + Jon were spending the day
"hawking". And a beautiful day it is
too. I may drive over this afternoon.

Do I get the Rare Documentation
forms from you? Or from Ruth Buckles?
I think I have 2 yet, but should have
more on hand although summer is
often slow. My correspondence is
voluminous during winter then tapers
off in summer although I've spent all
this morning answering letters!

I suppose I should ignore many of
the requests instead of answering them.
One lady (who does write + report in past
winters) wrote today asking for a list
of all the birds that nest in Iowa -
seems their Garden Club is having a contest.
So I marked a checklist with red dots + dashes
to indicate common + rare nesters. Her
smart son with the Ia Conservation Comm.
wasn't about to take time to do it so
told his mother to write me! I also
suggested she order Woody's "Annotated List"
to document the list I sent her. Ha!

Sincerely,
Gladys Black