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August 6, 1979
Anita Jawa.

Dear Mr. Kent,

I would like to report a rare bird sighting on July 24 1979, by myself and my neighbor Mrs Patti Stockham, who found this dead pink and dark grey bird on her doorstep. She assumed it had been killed by a predator. She brought it up to me to help identify. It is $5 \frac{3}{4}$ inches long, has a dark grey chunky bill definitely crossed. The head is a mottled pink blending into dark grey down the back. There is a definite pink rump. Mottled pink throat, dark grey or black wings with wide white wing bars at the shoulders. The head is parrot-shaped like a tiny parrot. The tail is dark grey and split, short. The bird has been molting. We have identified it as the male adult, white-winged crossbill.

Postmaster Bill Parker, his wife Carol and son Dan and Helen Redburn all birders have come to see it and confirmed our identification. He took pictures of it that are not yet developed. I did phone Gladys Black who instructed us to freeze the bird and have George Cox biologist come and identify it. I have called him and await his arrival, but wanted to get this information to you before your August deadline.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Parker
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Anita Jawa
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This bird was found on a farm 4-mile south of Anita. Cedar trees form a wind break at the back of the house where found. Land surrounding is general farm land in corn, hay and beans and pastures. I am sorry I do not type.