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Dear Jim,

Thanks for taking the time to write re: future weather reports for IBL. I do not plan to compile any reports from here on out, so I'll send you a copy of the June report from Waite's office. I am enclosing the May report to give you an idea of the information and format. Will you want the July report which I'll receive around mid-August? Or should I keep an informal record of July weather for you? Drop me a card if the latter arrangement is preferable.

Your work out there and the opportunities to visit Monomoy Island, etc. sound great to me sitting back here in the Hinterland. I suppose that you have heard of the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher near Waterloo and the Anhinga in western Iowa -- neither of which I have seen. Last week the Proescholdts identified some Henslow's Sparrows in my neck of the woods -- Van Buren County. (I rationalize my failure to get them first because of my recent absence of four weeks from the cabin, due to Johanna's graduation, departure for Italy, my high school reunion, etc. -- does that sentence make sense? Well, maybe you can figure it out!) At any rate, the Henslow's Sparrows are sho 'nuff there! I saw three -- one female with nesting material in her beak -- and heard at least six singing males in one very large field. Since that was a life bird for me, I was more than a little pleased.

Things here go along as usual -- it it hot and humid -- what else during summer in Iowa? Thanks again for writing -- hi to Steve.

Cordially,

Jim S.

P.S. Congratulations are in order to the new prexy of IOU! If I can be of help -- just let me know.