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13 April 1987

Robert K. Myers
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Perry, Iowa 50220

Dear, Mr. Myers,

I would like to report to you my barn-owl sighting of 12 April 1987

Upon returning from a nightly visual of Plymouth Co., and parked in front of my home located at 3229 Lindenwood Street, Sioux City (Woodbury Co.), I heard the distinctive "screeeiich" call of a barn-owl as it flew over-head. I jumped out of my van in time to locate the bird by sight flying about 50 feet above the trees. The bird vocalized 10 additional times as it flew south and I listened until it was too distant to hear.

The time of the initial call was 2:58 a.m. (12 April), the sighting occurred at 2:59 a.m. and the last call was heard at 3:10 a.m. The wind was calm and the temperature was 45 degrees. The sky was clear.

I have been conducting studies of barn-owls for over ten years, mainly in California of wild individuals. I coordinate a barn-owl reintroduction project in Sgt. Bluff, Iowa under a federal propagation permit and have released 24 barn-owls from the site since June of 1984. Although I'm not certain that the bird mentioned above is one of our released owls, this sighting suggests that at least one barn-owl is a resident of Sioux City. Although I have had 3 barn-owl sightings in Plymouth County since 1981, I have never sighted one in Sioux City until the above mentioned.

Based on my past experience with barn-owls and their wild behavior in California and last Summer in Nebraska, I hereby certify that the above report is factual and that what I observed on 12 April 1987 was in fact a barn-owl. Please include this report in your Spring Field Reports. Feel free to include any or all of this letter in your article.

VERY SINCERELY YOURS,

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