

Marble Rock, Iowa  
August 21, 1964

Peter C. Peterson, Jr.  
Davenport, Iowa

Dear Mr. Peterson,

Guess I am a little late with this report. However I don't know as there is too much to report, except that the Robins really seem to have had a very successful nesting season. I have a bird bath north of the house and we had lots of young birds bathing there with the adults. There were at least six broods came out of the nest successfully in this immediate area. One pair nested on the very top of an electric light pole. It was a pole that carries the main current in to the Farmer's Elevator Feed Mill here--so you know it was a tall pole. We could see the heads of the young birds as they waited to be fed.

I think other birds had at least average results for the nesting season. At least there was not excessive wet weather to hinder. We have had it very dry here.

There was a report of a pair of Wood Duck nesting in or near the school house. I think they were supposed to have found an opening into the attic or something.

I haven't been out in the country to know how the field birds may have fared, but have seen Dickcissels singing from telephone and high-line wires as usual. See Meadow Lark along the high ways too of course. However it seems to me as though the Loggerhead Shrikes are becoming much scarcer the past few years.

It has seemed the past week or ten days that Mourning Doves must be among those that have raised a good crop of young. Seems like I have seen more than usual this month.

It seems like migration may be getting under way a little early. I have seen both the Ovenbird and Canadian Warbler. Yes, and yesterday I saw both species of the Waterthrush. Today isn't proving the good bird day that I had hoped it would be after yesterday's rain.

Sincerely,

*Beaul Knopf*