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Audubon Field Notes
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Dear Sir:

Your name was furnished thru the Audubon Society of which I am a new member.

Would these records assist the Society? There is probably room for improvement, and I am open to suggestions.

I hope to be able to keep track of the number of birds, and this I have already started, which I would forward from time to timemonthly, quarterly, annually, etc., depending upon how you might suggest. (See enclosure #4). Or should I try this on my own a couple of years before bothering anyone else in the Society in case I am unable to produce, as I understand only a lengthy study is of any value? However, I hope to interest the Shenandoah Audubon Club in this plot so that they will start coming here. (See enclosure 5). I want to date arrival of birds and date of departure yearly, too.

If you are not interested in maintaining a lengthy study of this type, do you know of anyone who is? Maybe no one is interested as this would probably be classed a "biased" study because over the years we plan considerable planting for wild life as a sanctuary. Even this spring we plan considerable planting (100 or so trees and bushes - would furnish names after planted). Or do you think I should just keep my own records?

You are welcome to visit us at any time. I have a son attending University of Iowa - he will be coming down various times this spring. Feel free to contact him: *He is single. you can come with him.*

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Sincerely yours,

Mrs. George W. Franek

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cc: Kent Ackerson
Enclosures 5

We moved here March 1, 1968,