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Dear Mr. Dinsmore,

I met a woman recently who was telling me about having a golden crowned sparrow at her feeder this winter. I told her of the unusual visitor I had, and she suggested I notify you.

On March 6, 1996, I had a white-winged Crossbill that came and went all that day. I think the female was eating on the ground with sparrows and juncos the day before. It was sparrowlike but had two wide wing bars. But the male I could identify, because my feeder was close to the house and I could see the unusual shape of the bill.

I went to the marsh at Chelsea yesterday to see the sandhill cranes nesting there. I was lucky and saw them several times when they flew up out of the cattails. I also heard their rattly call. It was quite exciting.

I was not aware of the magazine your name is in and am sending a check today to Pam Allen for a subscription.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Aldrich
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