

P.S. we are curious about twine or string on the nesting boxes shown in picture.

Montrose, Ia

Sunday P.M.

Mr F. Leopold.

Burlington, Ia

Sir:

Having read your splendid article on "woodies", in Register this A.M. I was urged by my husband to write briefly on our experience three years ago.

The game warden had picked up seven boxes at 10 P.M. from a busy street in Ft. Madison. The mother had been hit by a car & destroyed by cats. Jerry Koilen (then our g. Warden & now of Allamakee Co) brought them to us & we raised 5 of them to maturity.

The two we lost was our own fault. We put them in large chick wire cage & let one end extend into river when they were several weeks old - a mink (we believe) reached thru & pulled them

heads down + bit them.

Our family loves nature in all forms - we built our home on banks of Mississippi, five years ago, so do observe the waterfowl especially. However we have not as yet, had privilege of seeing Mather Woodie + Lakes journey on land, but see them swimming many times on river.

Jerry (our warden then) banded the five 2 females + 3 males, and we released them they came back to their pen on several occasions -.

If anyone was interested, we would be glad to tell them how we fed them + cared for them. It was a very worthwhile experience + one we will never forget.

Hoping we can read your book + extending appreciation of your good work
I remain -

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