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Mrs. J. V. Perkins
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Freeport, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Perkins:

In reply to your letter I enclose a copy of my instructions for the manufacture and erection and operation of wood duck nesting boxes. A good many of my friends have failed to attract ducks because they have forgotten about the fact that you have to put some decayed vegetation in the box if the ducks are to use it. I have marked that paragraph in my instruction sheet for your attention.

Also, if you have racoons in the area, they are not compatible with wood ducks since they like nothing better than wood duck eggs, or for that matter, the body of the wood duck mother is also a favorite of the racoon.

However, if you make the entrance hole in the manner I have described in my third paragraph, none of the racoons will be entering. As a matter of fact, I have never had any racoon trouble when the 4" x 3" oval hole was used.

Yours very truly,

Frederic Leopold

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