

Mrs. Harry R. Strasser

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Dear Mr. Leopold:

Your story and photographs of the Wood Ducks, in a recent issue of our Des Moines Register, was especially interesting to me.

For many years I was Secretary to Jay N Darling (Ding), and you may recall that he worked hard at saving ducks, not shooting them. I have never seen any baby Wood Ducks but they look darling in the picture, and that picture reminded me of a long-ago remark of Mr. Darling's: that one of his wildlife thrills was to see a Wood Duck with her family.

I am wondering if you are related to the well-known Aldo Leopold. Mr. Darling admired him so much. He had worked with him on numerous conservation projects and felt his loss keenly.

Thank you for your wildlife-saving work. I would never have thought of 'boxes' as a home for ducks!

Sincerely,

*Merle Strasser*