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Mr. Frederic Leopold Leopold Company Burlington, Iowa

Dear Mr. Leopold:

Your article in the Des Moines Sunday Register on wood ducks was very interesting and unusual.

I am president of Mud Lake Fur Farm, which consists of a group of twenty members who own about 400 acres of marsh land near Lost Island. Last year we put up quite a few wood duck nesting boxes but did not get any ducks to nest. However, the caretaker does have a Black Labrador dog but the nests are in a wooded area about 200 ft. from the house.

I was wondering if wood ducks would nest if we would put the nesting boxes on the water. If you would be so kind as to drop me a line and tell us what we are doing wrong and give us any suggestions you have that might help, it would be greatly appreciated. All of us would enjoy having the beautiful wood ducks around. During the fall, a lot of wood ducks pass through the area, however, on their return trip in the spring, they have never shown an inclination to nest in the boxes provided.

Again, thank you for your courtesy.

Yours truly,

Lus Slager

Gus Glaser



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