

June 1, 1966

Mrs. Sue L. Schroder
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Dear Mrs. Schroder:

Thank you for your letter of May 29th. I am glad that you and your friends in Des Moines enjoyed the Des Moines Register article. From the description you give of your area where you have considerable wildlife present, I am wondering whether you and your friends would not find it interesting to build and erect, between now and next March, one or more wood duck nesting boxes. With this thought in mind, I am enclosing a mimeographed sheet which gives full instructions covering this type of project.

You would, of course, have to get someone to assist you in mounting or erecting the box. You also would have to get someone next spring to climb up a ladder to make determination as to whether or not you had an occupant.

You mentioned the fact that I might have other material which would be interesting to you and your friends and I regret the only publication that I have had printed in the past is now out of print and I have no copies available.

It just occurred to me that if you have good size trees near your living quarters that you might want to mount one of your boxes close to your house. I, for instance, have one within 12 feet of my bedroom window where I can hear and see the nesting female as she comes and goes on her twice daily rest flight during incubation.

Yours very truly,

Frederic Leopold

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