

## GENERAL NOTES

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**The Starling in Day County, South Dakota.**—I have two records of the Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) in this vicinity. On May 14, 1933, I saw one in company with some blackbirds near Lake Minnewashta, Day County, South Dakota. On December 27, 1933, I shot one across the alley from the Hospital here in Webster, also in Day County.—ARTHUR R. LUNDQUIST, *Webster, S. D.*

**The Starling at Sioux City, Iowa.**—On October 1, 1933, I saw four Starlings (*Sturnus vulgaris*) in North Morningside, Sioux City. This is the first record that I have of the species in Woodbury County. A pair of the birds was seen on April 22, 1933, near Ida Grove, Iowa, which is about fifty miles southeast of Sioux City.—WM. YOUNGWORTH, *Sioux City, Iowa.*

**The American Egret in Martin County, Minnesota.**—During August, 1932, the Rev. Harold W. Wager, of Dell Rapids, South Dakota, while visiting at his father's farm, eight and one-half miles southeast of Fairmont, Martin County, Minnesota, saw eight American Egrets (*Herodias alba egretta*) associating with Black-crowned Night Herons (*Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli*) at a small lake on the farm. The night herons were nesting, but there was no evidence that the egrets were. However, he did state that both species were roosting at night in the same trees.—W. H. OVER, *Museum of the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S. D.*

**Field Notes from the Sioux City, Iowa, Region.**—On July 4, 1933, I found a pair of the Lazuli Bunting (*Passerina amoena*) at Yankton, South Dakota. This town is about fifty air miles from Sioux City. The actions of the birds indicated nesting, and brings the species still closer to the Iowa border, as a summer resident. A male Blue Grosbeak (*Guiraca caerulea*) was noted at Honey Creek, Iowa, on July 24, 1933. This location is a short distance north of Council Bluffs, Iowa. The Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*) has been found at Sioux City again this year, and since young birds have been seen, the writer has put the species down as a regular summer resident, although it is found in but very limited numbers.—WM. YOUNGWORTH, *Sioux City, Iowa.*

**Migrant Nelson's Sparrows in Central Iowa.**—Six Nelson's Sparrows (*Ammodramus caudacuta nelsoni*) were collected by the writer at Little Wall Lake, Hamilton County, Iowa, September 30, 1933. Of these six, a juvenal and an adult male are now mounted in the Bullock collection, Des Moines, and the other four, an adult female, two juvenal males, and a juvenal female, remain in my collection. Eight others were identified but not collected. These birds were found among the wild rice and cat-tails. When flushed, they usually flew but a short distance, towards deeper cover, alighted in the tops of the vegetation, and almost immediately dropped to the lower stalks.—PHILIP A. DUMONT, *Des Moines, Iowa.*

**A Late Iowa Record for an American Bittern.**—About 11 A. M. on November 11, 1932, I encountered an American Bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*) near the northwest shore of Spirit Lake, in Dickinson County, Iowa, not far from the Minnesota line. It was perched in brushy vegetation in the lee of a cut bank, and was partially covered with drifting snow. Suspecting that the bird might be a cripple I collected it for examination, but a thorough plucking and post-mortem failed to reveal any sign of injury; indeed, the specimen was in