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# Correspondence from Danny Bystrak to Theodore Sperry, 1978

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Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the printout of data punched from the
1977 Breeding Bird Survey Report, in regard to page 89, KS
Route 004, Lapland.

In examining this page (which I have just now done), I find
a discrepancy with reference to the Upland Sandpiper (=U. Plover),
where I reported 42 individuals at 20 stops, while you reported
61 individuals at 27 stops.  It appears that I must have omit-
ted all those tallied on page 2 of my field sheets; hence my
report was in error.  To verify this, I request that you send
me the Upland Sandpiper data shown on page 2 of these field
sheets, or preferably, that you send me a photocopy of that
sheet so that I may correct my records with reference to the
number of individuals of this species recorded at each station.

I note also that the Solitary Sandpiper on the Melrose Route
(KS 001) was omitted, but I assume that this was considered as
a late migrant not eligible for inclusion.

No other discrepancies were noted.

Sincerely,

Theodore M. Sperry

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UPLAND SANDPIPERS -KS 004, 1977

| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| 1  | 6  | 4  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 3  | 0  | 3  | 1  | =19/7 |

Yes, the Solitary was omitted as a migrant. We prefer for observers
to indicate migrants on routes, and often write concerning them, but in an obvious
case like this, we feel no qualms about leaving them off. We are always
ready to be corrected if we are wrong in any case like this. Thanks for your
concern.
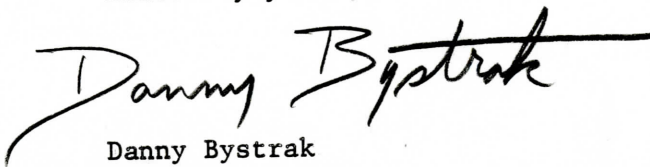
Danny

October, 1978

Dear BBS Observer:

The enclosed machine listing is a printout of the data punched from your 1978 Breeding Bird Survey report. <u>Hopefully you can take a few minutes to examine it and report to us any errors that you might find. Please check the species names as well as the numbers.</u>

The newsletter for the 1977 season is also enclosed. Please excuse the delay and try to remember to "think 1977" as you read it. On the assumption that the field sheets submitted were originals, the summary sheets have been checked against the field sheets again this year. Thus you may find some discrepancies on the printout which are the result of our changing the summary sheet to agree with the field sheets. Mistakes still crop up from incorrect AOU numbers, keypunch errors and unreadable handwriting, so it pays to check. Discrepancies might also appear as a result of our standard procedure of deleting obvious migrants and records that appear to be recording or copying errors. Unusual species without details may have been considered as errors, so please remember to include details on the observation of any unusual species in the future.

If you find no errors, no communication from you is necessary concerning your 1978 run.

We extend our deepest thanks for the excellent support given to our program and look forward to an equally successful Survey next year.

Sincerely yours,

Danny Bystrak
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Enclosure