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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
MIGRATORY BIRD AND HABITAT RESEARCH LABORATORY
LAUREL, MARYLAND 20811

July 18, 1975

Dear Observer:

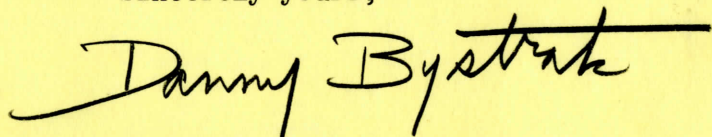
The 1975 Breeding Bird Survey is moving along at a good pace. At this point we have received more routes than by this date last year. This is a good sign that more routes were run this year.

The enclosed machine listing is a print-out of the data punched from your 1975 Breeding Bird Survey report. We hope you can take a few minutes to examine it and report to us any errors that you might find.

The summary sheets have been checked against the field sheets again this year. You may find some discrepancies on the print-out which are the result of our changing the summary sheet to agree with the field sheets. Other discrepancies may appear as a result of our standard procedure of deleting obvious migrants and records that appear to be recording or copying errors. If no errors are found, no communication is necessary concerning your 1975 run.

We extend to you 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
Biological Technician
Migratory Bird and Habitat
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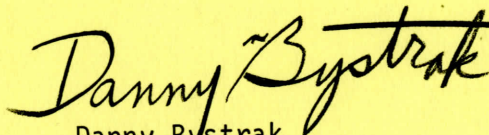
Although we are slightly behind last year in number of routes received, the entering of the 1976 Breeding Bird Survey data onto magnetic tape is well ahead of schedule. Unfortunately, changing over to a new computer has delayed the production of the machine listings until now.

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The summary sheets have been checked against the field sheets again this year, so you may find some discrepancies on the printout which are the result of our changing the summary sheet to agree with the field sheets. This is why it is important for us to have your original field sheets. Other discrepancies may appear as a result of our standard procedure of deleting obvious migrants and records that appear to be recording or copying errors. Unusual species may be considered as errors unless details of the observation were included, so please remember to do so in the future. If you find no errors, no communication from you is necessary concerning your 1976 run.

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P.S. Two errors appear on this year's printouts: @ signs have been substituted for apostrophes; and all zeros have been printed in the page totals. Hopefully, this will not make checking the forms too difficult and will be corrected next year.