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March 21, 1969

Mr. John Zimmerman
Fairchild Hall
Kansas State University
Manhattan, Kansas

Dear John,

Dr. J. C. Johnson of our Department here told me recently that he will be unable to participate in the June breeding bird census of the BSP&W. I have already informed the Laurel office that I can repeat on the Melrose (K-1) count. This is to note that I can also volunteer for ^{the} area which Dr. Johnson has been covering if you have not otherwise made arrangements for this. (Area K-2, I believe).

I ran into one snag last year, on which you can perhaps help. The "rules" call for this count to start just 30 minutes before sunrise. I used the time given in the local paper, only to learn later that it was some 15 to 20 minutes early. Can you give us a source for the sunrise time more reliable than our local source of misinformation?

Sincerely,

T.M.S.

Theodore M. Sperry
Professor of Botany and Ecology

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26 March 1969

Dear Ted,

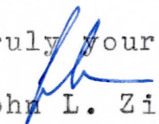
I happily accepted your offer to take route K-2 that Chris had.

He also volunteered you to host the 1969 KOS fall field trip in your area. Are you willing?

As to sunset-rise times, is there a U.S. weather bureau station near you? They usually will give out a listing of the actual sunrise times for their exact longitude and latitude - or, at least, they will tell you. And since daylengths are changing at their lowest rate in June (and December), these would probably be close enough. If your local paper is anything like our local paper, the probability for missprints is pretty high. There are also astronomical tables that will allow you to compute your local sunrise times - called, I believe, an astronomical ephemeris. Since it is a government publication, there probably is one in your library.

Thanks for your help.

Very truly yours,


John L. Zimmerman