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Dear Sir, I am engaged upon an extensive review and bibliography of Kansas ornithology. Am anxious to find whether there is a positive record of the capture of *Dendroica caerulescens* (Gmel.) in Kansas. In 1842, it was included in Prof. Snow's list of Kansas birds on authority of Prof. Baird, the inference being that there were specimens in the National Museum labeled as coming from this state. Col. Goss, however, did not include the species in his catalogues. The bird was taken in 1891 in Finney county, (western Kansas). I am anxious to know whether there is an earlier record; Hay found it in western Missouri.

Will you kindly find out whether there are specimens in the National Museum labeled from this state, and if there are, give particulars, - date, place, and by whom taken? Hoping that I am not intruding too much upon your valuable time, and thanking you in advance, I remain,

Very truly yours,

R. E. Lantz.