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Hello

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Two days ago, (7/16) I saw a Mockingbird just north of Ames, along  
route 69 (Grand Ave.) between the town limits and Hallett's Quarry.  
It was along the Skunk River greenway, where the river loops in  
close to the road. It flew across the road to the trees on the  
quarry side. I thought you might be interested, since there are  
only 11 records, going back to 1920, and only one other record  
in July.

Regards,

John E. Snyder  
JESnyder@ix.netcom.com

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both places, (especially VA) Mockingbirds are quite common in the  
summer. I don't think I would mistake anything else for a Mockingbird  
I saw it in flight, so I saw the big white space on the wings (which  
I think are the easiest way to identify them). I believe that the  
Peterson book shows us as being just inside of the northern edge of  
the Mockingbird summer range. I guess those maps are not all that  
accurate.

It shows that route  
clearly often so will keep my eyes open for the bird.

I too hope we can see it again.

Regards,

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James J Dinsmore wrote:

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> John  
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> Thanks for your note.  
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> Yes, I am very interested in that sighting. I have never seen one in  
> Story County so it is certainly rare here. I assume you had a good look  
> at the bird and are confident in your identification.

Hi Jim

Thanks for the note.

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