

Brown Pelican  
10 May 1969  
1 mi. w of Montpelier, Muscatine Co., IA  
Elmer Deters  
Petersen 1972, IBL 61:83

Record Number: 89-AE  
Classification: A-P

REFERENCES

Petersen, P. C. 1972. Brown Pelican in Muscatine County. IBL 42:51.

Photograph: IBL 42:51

Records Committee: IBL 61:83

VOTE: 6 A-P

A-P. Xerox of photo not great, but, as I recall, original in Iowa Bird Life looked like a Brown Pelican.

A-P. If this bird was photographed from Mr. Deters' home, it was clearly in Iowa.

A-P. Photo is diagnostic.

A-P. The photograph, although not in color, has the head and neck pattern of an adult brown pelican--dark neck, peaked head, light forehead. Would be nice to have the original in color. Location on the river is not stated, but if taken from Iowa shore, it must be on the Iowa side considering the size of the image.

A-P. I see no problems with this record.

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**Brown Pelican in Muscatine County** -- The author learned rather belatedly of the third record of the Brown Pelican in Iowa last winter. While visiting Elmer Deters, a Davenport engineer and avid eagle observer and photographer who lives near Montpelier, I noted one photograph of a Brown Pelican in his collection. I remarked that he had apparently been in the south to photograph birds and he replied to the contrary, he had photographed the pelican from the house. Several days later he sent me a print of the photograph below taken May 10, 1969, one mile west of Montpelier, Iowa, on the Mississippi. This constitutes the third Iowa record and would not have been possible had not Ralph Heuer, longtime I. O. U. member from Davenport, taken Mary Lou and I to see the many optical inventions Mr. Deters has created to help him see and photograph our national bird. - PETER C. PETERSEN, 235 McClellan Blvd., Davenport.



Brown Pelican on Mississippi River  
Photo by Elmer Deters