

Little Blue Heron

4 Aug 1934

West Okoboji Lake, Dickinson Co., IA

Lavina Dragoo

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Record Number: 81-LN  
Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Dragoo, L. 1934. American Egret and herons at Lake Okoboji.

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VOTE (1981): 2-III, 3-IV, 1-V, 1-VI

IV, not enough detail.

VI, 'very dark' bill suggests snowy.

IV, no description of legs or feet.

V, If bill was 'very dark', this may have been a Snowy Egret,  
this species not being eliminated by the description.

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American Egret and Herons at Lake Okoboji. Iowa Bird Life 4:34

**American Egret and Herons at Lake Okoboji.**—On August 4, 1934, in company with Miss Mary A. Tyrrell of Lincoln, Nebraska, I visited a region of marsh and small lakes which adjoins West Okoboji Lake. Here, on a previous trip, we had found Great Blue, Black-crowned Night and Green Herons. On this particular morning our attention was drawn to a snow-white bird, heron-like in appearance. The bordering willows enabled us to approach very closely, and we discovered that the bird was the Little Blue Heron in immature plumage. After giving us a very satisfactory study, the bird flew to the sandy beach of a small lake adjoining this area. While we were watching it from the new view-point, another, much larger white bird flew in and dropped down near the Little Blue Heron, making a perfect contrast in size. This bird had a distinctly yellow bill, while the smaller one had a very dark one. By referring to Forbush and other authorities we were assured that we had had the good fortune to see the American Egret and the Little Blue Heron.—LAVINA DRAGOO, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.