

Brown Pelican

1819

near Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie Co., IA

Thomas Say

on list without any details; James 1823, Anderson 1907, IBL 61:83

Record Number: 89-AA
Classification: NA

REFERENCES

James, E. 1923. Account of an Expedition from Pittsburgh to the Rocky Mountains Performed in the Years 1919, 1920. London: Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme, and Brown. p 374.

Anderson 1907

DuMont 1933

Records Committee: IBL 61:83

VOTE: 6 NA

NA. No details to evaluate.

NA. This record provides no details, and no assurance the bird was in Iowa.

NA. No details, no date.

NA. No details with which to evaluate record.

NA. We should reject old records that lack any detail.

NA. No info to make judgement.

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————— *fuscus* — Brown pelican.

Anderson, R. M. 1907. The birds of Iowa. Proc. Davenport Acad. Sci. 11:125-417. p 163.

25. (126). *Pelecanus occidentalis* (Linn.). Brown Pelican.

The Brown Pelican was first recorded from Iowa by Thomas Say (Long's Exp., i, 266), as *Pelecanus fuscus*, from Engineers' Cantonment. The only recent record which I find is that by Carl Fritz Henning ("A Southern Bird in Central Iowa," Annals of Iowa, v, 1, April, 1905, 62-3): "Last week a Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus fuscus*) was captured by the Fritcher brothers on the Des Moines River, about nine miles northwest of Boone. . . . first seen swimming in a bayou." This bird was described in detail, also its habitat, in the *Boone Standard*, July 14, 1900.

DuMont, P. A. 1933. A Revised List of the Birds of Iowa. Iowa City: University of Iowa Studies in Natural History, vol. 14, no. 5. p 21.

Pelecanus occidentalis occidentalis Linnaeus. Eastern Brown Pelican

Accidental. Anderson (1907) stated that the Brown Pelican was first recorded from Iowa by Thomas Say at Engineer Cantonment. The only other record is one by Carl Fritz Henning (Annals of Iowa, V, pp. 62-63) which is as follows: "Last week a Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus fuscus*) was captured by the Fritcher brothers on the Des Moines River, about nine miles northwest of Boone . . . first seen swimming in a bayou." This bird and its habitat were described in some detail in the *Boone Standard*, July 14, 1900.

This specimen, a fully plumaged adult, is now in the Boone Public Library and was examined by the writer June 14, 1932. In the A. O. U. Check-List, 4th Edition, this species is recorded from Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, etc.