

Anhinga
CA 1889
near Salem, Henry Co., IA
Walter G. Savage
Anderson 1907

Record Number: 81-AD
Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Anderson 1907

DuMont 1933

VOTE (1981) 6-IV, 1-V

IV, Savage seems to have been reliable.

IV, Savage was a good observer, had the dead bird in hand, and was familiar with the species with which it could be mistaken.

IV, no details.

IV, Probability: species for IA is extralimital but the edges of its range are only a few 100 mi to south. Second hand report of a specimen taken 20 yrs earlier. Specimen not preserved. No description of specimen given by either Anderson or DuMont. Anderson's vouching for the collector's knowledgibility makes the record possible.

IV, No description of the bird exists. However, Anderson believed record to be authentic (although I don't think this is sufficient to elevate to category III).

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22. (118). *Anhinga anhinga* (Linn.). Anhinga. Snake-bird.

Anderson 1907
pp 160-161

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Anhinga anhinga (Linnaeus). Water-Turkey

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