

Little Blue Heron  
22 Jul 1954  
Lake Odessa, Louisa Co., IA  
P. Petersen, L. Baily, N. Hazard  
also 23, 27 Jul; Petersen 1954

Record Number: 81-LS  
Classification: A-D

REFERENCE

Petersen, P.C. 1954. Bird notes from southeast Iowa. IBL 24:56

VOTE: (1981): 2-II, 4-III, 1-abstain

III, Adults OK; but imm. do not have 'dark' bill.

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II, several observers -- acceptable description.

III, Slaty blue color and size compared to Great Egrets, plus dark bills is conclusive.

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On July 22, 1954, Lang Baily and I, with Mr. and Mrs. Price, saw two small herons in a flock of 16 American Egrets on the north end of Lake Odessa in Louisa County, Iowa. From a range of 250 yards they appeared to have black bills. Lang and I approached within 100 yards, and the birds flushed. They had dark bills, legs and feet. When they flushed, five other birds of the same size also flew up; they were slaty-blue in coloration. We identified the group as two immature and five adult Little Blue Herons. On July 23, in company with my parents, I observed four adults and two immature Little Blues in the same spot. On July 27, Norwood Hazard and I saw eight immature and two adult Little Blues about a half mile northeast of this place.

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