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REFERENCE

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VOTE (1981): 1-II, 3-III, 3-IV

IV, few details. 'bluish primaries' sounds somewhat unconvincing.

II, m. ob.

IV, Similar to 5 -- mentions 'bluish primaries' but incomplete description.

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August Records from McGregor.—During six days at the National Wild Life School at McGregor, Iowa, a total of 92 species of birds was recorded by the group attending the School. A flock of nine American Egrets which were seen from the Heights with the aid of a telescope, and a flock of five American Egrets and two Little Blue Herons which were seen and identified by several people on the steamer excursion on August 4, 1938, probably provided the biggest thrills. These birds were seen on both the Iowa and the Wisconsin sides of the Mississippi River, near McGregor. They were seen at reasonably close range, and the identifying marks—size and bill color—were easily seen. One of the herons had definitely bluish primaries. On the night of August 3, a Barn Owl was seen just outside of the Heights Hotel. Other unusual birds on the week's list were Wood Duck, Pileated Woodpecker, Ruffed Grouse, Turkey Vulture, and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.—MARY E. ROBERTS, Springdale (West Liberty), Iowa, and JACK W. MUSGROVE, Des Moines, Iowa.