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Vern, please let
me know what you think of this ✓

Bird Documentation Form

Yellow-crowned Night Heron - 1 immature, 23 July 1979

Willow Slough, NE Mills County, Iowa

Description: Large heron. Gray brown. Wing flight feathers gray. Small light spots. Legs yellow. (the second time I saw the bird, they seemed greenish yellow). Bill seemed thick when I got a glimpse of it.

Habitat; behavior: Twice I flushed the bird from the edge of the cattail patches. Flew away from me with slow, dignified wing beats.

Other birds eliminated by description: Bitterns have black, not gray. Flight feathers in wings. Immature Black-crowned Night Heron has larger spots, a more streaked appearance.

Note: both night herons were present at the slough last year.

Weather: ~~no~~ important wind. ^{Solidly} Overcast, but bright.

Distance: Within 25' once, a bit farther the other time.

Binoculars: 8.5x

Tracks: none with me in the field when I took notes on the thing

Experience with night herons: I saw immature Black-crowned Night Herons a few times last year, but I haven't seen a young Yellow-crown before.

Written July 26, based on
notes taken in the field

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Very, please see
the notes that were sent

Insufficient evidence to eliminate either A. bittern
or BCNH.

Comparisons not distinctive, only "seemed like"

She should have taken more notes in the field &
also either copied ^{precisely} those notes here or attached them.

Description: large brown winged bird
small light spots on breast
the same as the other (Bill same as the other)

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