

DOCUMENTATION FORM  
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Blue Grosbeak How many? 1

Location? Lime Creek Nature Area, Mason City

Type of Habitat? along woodland edge and open prairie area

When? date(s): 6-27-2001 time: 7:30 <sup>A.M.</sup> 7:35 <sub>to</sub>

Who? your name and address: Carolyn J. Fischer - 48 Lakeview Ct.

Others with you: Jan Walter

Others before or after you: Called Rifa Goranson + Paul Hertz

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Saw a bird fly up from the ground, it landed in a small deciduous tree. With my binoculars I could see wide wing-bars, chestnut colored. Body entirely blue, large bill and black smudge around the bill. My first impression, the shade of blue was different and it looked larger -

Similar species; how eliminated:

Indigo Bunting - smaller, lacking rufous wing-bars, blue color was different.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? no  
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.

Looking into the morning light - 40 yards, 8.5 x 42

Previous experience with species and similar ones: none

References and persons consulted before writing description:

I was doing a nesting Trail study at L.C.N.C. so didn't take

How long before field notes made? 3 hrs this form completed? 7-30-01 <sup>notes tree</sup> <sub>later -</sub>

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).

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We were sure there was a female  
too - But they flew in different  
direction - Hoping they nested in  
the area -

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Looking into the remaining light - 40 fowls, 8.2 x 4.2

Previous experience with species and similar ones: None

Observers and persons consulted before writing description:

I was busy or not at home study at R.C. W.C. as about late  
afternoon. 3/24/01 this form completed 5-30-01