BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD MYER) 1. Species Jellow-crowned night heren 2. Number 3. Location just south of Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge 4. Date: Aug. 14, 1980 5. Time Bird Seen: 11:05 A.M. to 11:20 A.M. 6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field): 1. Med. size benon with long neck and seconingly Topbig head for the neck - head was always held high and neck not hunched as often in block-crowns 2. light brown breast with boardy danker streaks - a back was grayish-brown and had whitish specks - neck + head browish + finer streaked 3. eye seemed to stand out on head and seemed yellowish at times to reddisk depending on light - Emaybe my mogenative ages playing tricks & much more so than black emans - see note on back 4 legs + feet were yellowind - green - legs were very long much more so than black something like this - crude but something like this 5. Bill was stout and about as long as bead (grayish) The main Thing that stopped mewas how gamply the bird oppeared - long legs - long skinny need t big head and posture not filling black crown. We were observing from small narrow bridge and had to move when a pickup came By the time I got the car off the road and returned to bridge bird was gone. 7. Description of voice, if heard: -8. Description of behavior: Bind was walking, wading + hunting along small stream. 9. Habitat - general: wooded area south of Union Slough - not marshy specific: small shallow stream with some clamps of talken gross along edges 10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain: not an American Bittern as had no black cohosken mark on check and bill was too short + wide imm. black-arown night become are close but This bird was too long kyged tnecked and just didn't aright 11. Distance (how measured)? 60-70 yol. approx. 12. Optical equipment: B.+L. 7.35's Knoybe closer area was posted so I didn't step it off + Bushnell 20% scope 13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you): San was high and sky mostly char - bird moved in tout of shadows 14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: I have never seen yellow crowns but have seen many adult + imm. black crowns and this bind was definitely different. 15. Other observers: my wife Betsy - I also reported bind to refuge ranger and he said They have also seen both adult + young yellow -crowns in this same area. 16. Did the others agree with your identification? yes 17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: my wife did not independently identify the bird 18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description: Robbins, Petersons, Pough-etc.-etc- I used many sources and all backed my choice 19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? The first description was noted as soon as I got home Signature: Robert R. Myers. Address: 1236 Sylvia ave. City, State: Waterloo, Jowa, 50201 Date: Mars droft Nov. 1980

Please note:

In Godfrey's Birds of Canada he states that in yellow- crowns the tarsus is longer than the combined length of middle toe and hail (about equal in block-crowns). As this bind moved I could see the feet and toes and tarsi from Time to time. The Tarsus was certainly much longer than the length of any of the toes seconjusty liebig head for the neek - head was

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