

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species YELLOW crowned NIGHT Heron 2. Number 4

3. Location 3 AT Forney's Lake 1 AT Riverton

4. Date: July 19 - Forney's Lake 5. Times Birds Seen: 4:00 - 5:15 PM AT Forney's
July 20 Riverton 2:05 AM AT Riverton

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):

ALL Four were Imm., Generally Boyish-Grey, with SMALL WHITE SPOTS ON BACK
More LEG AREA ABOVE FEET WAS SEEN WHILE THEY WERE FLYING, THAN OF
BLACK crowned. Posture WHILE STANDING IS DIFFERENT THAN BLACK-crowned
ALL Four Birds were FLUSHED FROM 30' to 60', 1 bird at Forney's
ACTUALLY LANDED ON THE ROAD AND RAN INTO THE CAT-TAILS, THIS GAVE
US AN EXCELLENT VIEW

THE Bird AT Riverton WAS FLUSHED WHILE WALKING DIKE
EST. DISTANCE FROM BIRD IS 40'

7. Description of voice, if heard:

NONE HEARD

8. Description of behavior:

Seemed Tamer WHEN APPROACHED

9. Habitat - general: 3 at Forney's were SEEN WADING IN OPEN WATER A FEW
INCHES DEEP

specific: 1 AT Riverton WAS FLUSHED OUT OF DITCH WHILE
WALKING DIKE

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:

BLACK CROWNED - NIGHT Heron - I FEEL EXPERIENCE WITH BOTH BIRDS
BEFORE LEFT NO DOUBT ABOUT SIGHTINGS

11. Distance (how measured)?

ESTIMATED

12. Optical equipment:

7X 50 MM

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):

CLEAR SKY AT Forney's
AND BIRD WAS IN GOOD POSITION AFTER BEING FLUSHED MORE THAN ONCE

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

I OBSERVED MANY IN LOUISIANA & TEXAS, (WE HAVE SEEN BLACK
CROWNS 10 OR MORE TIMES
IN IOWA)

15. Other observers:

TOM STONE Jr.

16. Did the others agree with your identification?

TALKED TO SILCOCK AFTERWARD
ABOUT DESCRIPTION

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NONE

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

Books These did VERY LITTLE, Previously OUT OF STATE SIGHTINGS
DID

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

TOOK NOTES AFTER BOTH SIGHTINGS

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