

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Snowy Egret 2. Number 1
3. Location Diamond L., Montezuma, Poweshiek Co IA
4. Date: 4-23-81 5. Time Bird Seen: 5⁴⁰ to 6¹⁰ (est)

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 white egret $\frac{1}{2}$ size of adjacent Great Blue Herons. Black bill and legs with yellow feet. Plumes on back of head.

7. Description of voice, if heard: N/A

8. Description of behavior: Feeding in shallow water. Frequently jumped up to show yellow feet

9. Habitat - general: artificial lake, water level low
specific: N. core at Diamond L.

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

Great Egret - size, bill + feet color wrong
Immature Little Blue heron - season, bill and feet color, plumes wrong

11. Distance (how measured)?

100-200 yards (guess)

12. Optical equipment:

8x40 Trinorbs, 20x Bushnell scope

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

light overcast

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

Seen many times in W, S. + E and many years ago in Iowa

15. Other observers:

Darwin Koenig

16. Did the others agree with your identification? yes

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

found yesterday by DK

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

none

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

2 hours

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