

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION

To: Lee Schoenewe

From: Tom Kent, Field Reports Editor, Iowa Bird Life, 211 Richards St., Iowa City, IA 52246

Sometimes I am on the fence as to whether to include a bird sighting in the report or not, usually because I don't have enough information or the sighting is so unusual that I would like to check on it. I have a choice of making a decision or seeking more information. This form is an attempt to do the latter.

I would appreciate it if you would return this form in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope as soon as possible so that I can make alterations in the report before it is published. Thanks.

Record: Black-crowned Night-Heron - imm, 12 Nov, Spirit L.

Significance: record latest

Information requested:

confirm date

11/12/95

how well seen (viewing time, distance, view, other details)

description of bird (as much as you can honestly remember)

voice (heard?, what was heard?)

can other observers also provide details?

Nancy Schoenewe, Lalonne Foote

Early afternoon and good light, Nancy and I were walking along a trail along the shoreline at Marble Beach when the bird flushed out over the lake and flew up the shore. It was 20-30 yards away when first flushed. The bird had a streaked breast and slate brown back with buffy spotting. The head and bill shape along with the feet extending beyond the tail in flight identified it as an immature black-crowned night heron. Lalonne Foote, who lives next to the park, had seen the bird twice in the prior week and we discussed the late date.