

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Cattle Egret How many? 15Location? 5 miles South of Cherokee and 2 WestType of habitat? Marshy end of a pasture and in a flooded corn field next to pastureWhen? date(s): 6-18-1984 time: 6:10 PM to 6:30 PMWho? your name and address: Marion M. Brewer RR # 2 ; Cherokee, Iowa 51012

others with you: _____

others before or after you: Vernon Bierman, Jim Huber

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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Small white egret, with yellow bill and legs. Light orange breast, crown and back. They were moving around a lot, and flying short ~~distances~~ distances.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Too small for any other egret and orange coloring.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

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

100 yards, estimated. Clear day with sun to my back. Viewed with a 15 X15 spotting scope.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Seen almost yearly lately

References and persons consulted before writing description: Golden field guide and peterson guide.How long before field notes made? 1 hour this form completed? 6-18-1984

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