

What species? SNOWY EGRET How many? 1Location? 10 MILES NORTH OF BURLINGTON (DES MOINES CO.)Type of habitat? MISSISSIPPI RIVER SANDBARWhen? date(s): 12 SEPT. 1989 time: _____ to _____Who? your name and address: JIM FULLER, 6 LONGVIEW KNOLL, RR#6, IOWA CITY, IA, 52242

others with you: _____

others before or after you: CHUCK FULLER

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.

OBSERVED BIRD OFF & ON FOR ALMOST 3 HOURS.
THE BIRD WAS ABOUT HALF THE SIZE OF THE GREAT EGRETS AND GREAT BLUE HERONS IN THE SAME AREA.
ENTIRELY WHITE, EXCEPT BLACK BILL, BLACK LEGS WITH GOLDEN FEET. MUCH MORE ACTIVE WHILE FEEDING THAN THE GREAT EGRET OR GREAT BLUE HERON

Similar species and how eliminated: GREAT EGRET - SIZE - BILL BLACK + GOLDEN FEET DIFFER. IMMATURE LITTLE BLUE HERON HAS THICKER 2 TONE BILL AND GRAY OR YELLOW GREEN LEGS - NOT BLACK WITH GOLDEN FEET. CATTLE EGRET HAS YELLOW BILL AND NO GOLDEN FEET.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
500 YARDS - HIGH OVERCAST - MIDDAY KOWA TSN-4 (20-60X) SCOPE

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

SEEN MANY TIMESReferences and persons consulted before writing description: NONEHow long before field notes made? IMMEDIATE this form completed? 6 HOURS

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