

## DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species How many? BURROWING OWL 1

Location? APPROX. 1 MILE NW OF EVERLY IN CLAY COUNTY

Type of habitat? HAY FIELD

When? date(s): 7/16/03 Time: . PM

Who? your name and address

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Others with you

Others before and after you DICK GOEKEN, LOCAL FARMER

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also describe voice and

behavior. WHILE TALKING TO MR. GOEKEN AT A SOCIAL GATHERING

ON SATURDAY 7/19, HE MENTIONED SEEING A SMALL OWL USING A BADGER HOLE WHILE CUTTING HAY IN HIS FIELD THE PRIOR WEDNESDAY. HE ALSO SAID

HE HAD SEEN OWLS IN THE SAME LOCATION THE YEAR BEFORE. I

CHECKED THE FIELD SUNDAY MORNING AND FOUND THE BURROW WITH

ALSO (EVIDENCE OF OWLS - DIRT APRON IN FRONT OF HOLE WITH DROPPINGS AND RODENT  
 BONES - BUT NO OWLS. SUNDAY NIGHT I MONITORED THE BURROW THROUGH DUSK  
 WITH NO ACTIVITY. ED THELEN AND I CHECKED THE LOCATION AGAIN MONDAY  
 AFTERNOON AND FOUND NO NEW EVIDENCE OF USE.

NO OTHER BIRD WOULD USE A BADGER HOLE IN OPEN COUNTRY

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification?

If yes, explain:

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

Previous experience with this species and similar ones:

References and persons consulted before writing description:

BENT, N. Am BIRDS by KAMMEN

How long before field notes made?

this form completed? ONE WEEK

Mail original form to field editor for this season.

AFTER INSPECTING THE BURROW, I FELT COMFORTABLE  
 SUBMITTING THIS SECOND HAND REPORT, ALTHOUGH I DO  
 NOT BELIEVE THERE WAS A SUCCESSFUL NESTING OR ANY  
 EVIDENCE OF YOUNG. THE FARMER SAW ONLY ONE OWL AT  
 THE BURROW THIS YEAR.