

Records Committee, Iowa Ornithologists' Union

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Mississippi Kite

4 Oct 1886

Grinnell, Powesheik Co., IA

unknown

Bent 1937

Record Number: 81-MF

Classification: NA

REFERENCE

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VOTE (1981): I-IV, 5-V, I-VI

V, mistake?

V, no details.

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Bent, A. C.: Life Histories of North American Birds of Prey (Part 1). Bull 167
US Nat Museum, Washington, 1937
p 70

Casual records.—Among casual or accidental records of occurrence are the following: Woodhouse stated he obtained two in New Mexico, probably in the Canadian River section (Cassin, 1860); Aiken reported seeing one near Colorado Springs, Colo., during the summer of 1873; a specimen was taken near Omaha, Nebr., in November 1912; one was recorded from Grinnell, Iowa, on October 4, 1886; Pindar (1925) records it as a rare summer visitant in Fulton County, Ky., but gives no details; one was reported from Bennis Creek, Knox County, Ind., on September 18, 1911; one was seen on October 20, 1852, in Chester County, Pa.; several observers, including Dr. Witmer Stone, reported seeing one at Cape May, N. J., on May 30, 1924; and one was taken near Andrews, N. C., on May 26, 1893. Specimens have been reported from Wisconsin, but in one way or another they are considered doubtful (Kumlien and Hollister, 1903), and it is probable that others of the sight records listed above are open to question.

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The Sennett collection is reported to contain a specimen collected at Tampico, Mexico, on May 17, 1888, while Salvin (1861) recorded a specimen received by him from Coban, Guatemala.

Egg dates.—Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas: 95 records, March 15 to June 25; 48 records, June 3 to 12.

Bartsch, P. 1895. Birds extinct in Iowa and those becoming so.
Iowa Ornithologist 2:1-3

The Egrets, Swans, Mississippi and Swallow-tailed Kites were formerly seen in large numbers; now a single specimen is hardly to be found in our state.