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Brant Record Number: 81-JT < 1907 Classification: NA

Powesheik Co., IA

Kelsey

Kelsey 1891, Anderson 1907

REFERENCE

Kelsey, C. 1891. Birds of Poweshiek County Iowa. Ornithologist and Oologist 16:131-134.

Anderson 1907

VOTE (1981): 3-V, 4-VI

V, unlikely to be 'tolerably common'.

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> 172. Brunta canadensis, 172. Branta bernicla,

Canada Goose, Brant,

Anderson 1907 pp 189-190

63. (173). Branta bernicla glaucogastra (Brehm). Brant.

The Brant or Brant Goose is chiefly found along the Atlantic coast and only rarely in the interior, principally along the Great Lakes and rivers in migration. The species breeds within the Arctic Circle. Dr. Coues (Birds of the Northwest, p. 557) says: "While ascending the Missouri in October, 1872, I observed vast numbers of the Common Brant in flocks on the banks and mudbars of the river."

County records: Blackhawk -- "frequent migrant" (Peck). Boone-"rare migrant" (Henning). Iowa-"rare migrant; the only one I ever saw was shot at Amana in 1902'' (Berry). Jackson-Sabula-"I have never handled specimens taken in Iowa, but have seen birds very close which I and others took for Brant" (H. A. Giddings). Poweshiek-"tolerably common transient" (Kelsey); "large flocks B. brenta Steph.; doubtless this species" (Poweshiek and Jasper, H. W. Parker, Am. Nat., v, 1871, 169).

The only definite record of this species for Nebraska is "reported by I. S. Trostler, who saw three that were killed on the Missouri River at Omaha, Nov. 9, 1895" (Rev. Bds. Neb., p. 30). From the above records it appears certain that the Brant is an irregular or very casual migrant in Iowa.

Branta bernicla hrota (Müller). American Brant There are a number of observations, in each instance unsupported by specimens. Undoubtedly, some of these refer to Branta c. hutchinsi.

DuMont 1933 p 158