

May 26, 1982
Laurens Iowa
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Dear Sir,

I'd like to report two sightings of the black headed female grosbeak. The first one occurred May 20 about 5:30 pm at Rush Lake.

Four of us (all members of the Pocahontas County Chapter of the Iowa Ornithologists Union) Dr. Non ~~James~~, ^{Ann} Luther, my husband Ken and myself, using field glasses, at a distance of about 40 to 50 yards observed this bird with an orange breast which, using Roger Peterson's field guide

Could be described only as
a black headed grosbeak.

Yesterday, May 25th,
Dr. Harms, Mrs. Mabel Grous
and myself saw the
female black head grosbeak
at a distance of 30 yards
with both the naked
eye and field glasses
at the Grous farm
 $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles north and 2
miles east of Laurens.
It was on the ground
near a squirrel feeding
station. It looked exactly
like the picture in
Potosomic field guide.
This sighting
at 10:40 a.m. with
excellent light

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