

American Swallow-tailed Kite
12 Sep 1896
5.5 miles west of Boone, Boone Co., IA
C. F. Henning
Henning 1896

Record Number: 93-BU
Classification: A-D

REFERENCE

Henning, C.F. 1896. Notes and news. Iowa Ornithologist 2:85.

VOTE: 5 A-D

A-D, Assuming that "extent" means wing span, the length and wing span of 24 and 49 inches match American Swallow-tailed Kite and not other kites. Henning would not have mistaken this bird in the hand. I will be making a pilgrimage to Boone to check out the cigars at Henning's store and see what happened to the baby girl with blue eyes, black hair, and rosy cheeks. /thk

A-D, I hope she didn't take up cigars! / wrs

A-D, Close enough but no cigar! / cjb

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Notes and News.

Sept. 12. I received a specimen that is of rare occurrence in Boone county. It is a Swallow-tailed Kite, and was shot by C. H. Elliott, $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Boone, near the Des Moines river, two miles west of Cal Rose Bridge. About ten years ago the Swallow-tailed Kite was common during the migrations, but of late years they have become rare. The bird when killed was in a bass wood tree pruning its feathers.

Length, 24.00

Extent, 49.00

Wing, 16.75

Tail, 14.50

Tarsus, 1.00

Stomach contained five frogs and one grasshopper.

By the way I have some good news for you and you may tell the I. O. boys that they are welcome to the best cigars in town if they call at my store. The glad tidings are that on September 7, a baby girl with blue eyes, black hair, and cheeks as rosy as a peach was born at "Bird's Home." Of course she will be a lover of our birds.—Carl Fitz Henning, Boone, Iowa.