

Brant
18 Nov 1983
north of Riverton Area, Fremont Co., IA
*C. Priebe, D. Priebe fide *?R. Phipps
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DOCUMENTATIONS

Carl Priebe

Don Priebe (possibly written by Ruth Phipps)

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 53:98

Records Committee: IBL 54:38

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VOTE: 2-I, 3-III, 2-IV

I understand photos were taken and the specimen preserved (TK).

IV, Description sketchy but probably correct identification.

Photos and/or specimen should be viewed.

III, Possibly regular in Missouri Valley--why can't I see one?

I, I've talked to Carl Priebe about it.

REVOTE (by mail): 1-I-S, 2-I, 3-III, 1-?

I-S, Need to see spec and get photo.

III, Could be IS or 1P if specimen/picture seen.

I, presuming specimen preserved.

III, Revote when specimen or photos of specimen are presented.

I, why revote if nobody has seen it?

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seed production or left idle. In the latter two cases, the plants established the first year shade out any new plants that come up because their growth rate is so much faster. I have seen thin stands improve markedly, however, if they are cut for hay in early July. The new plants are about eight inches high at this time and if the field is cut at about eight inches, they will receive enough light to grow up with the older, established plants. For this reason, I recommend that thin stands be cut for hay during the second growing season.

The first shotgun deer season in this area was the most successful I have seen in my ten years on the Mt. Ayr Unit. This can be attributed to good weather conditions for the hunt (a light cover of snow on the ground) and to a high deer population. I have also heard more comments about deer depredations from farmers this fall than I have ever heard in the past.

Bob Dolan--Missouri River Unit

A meeting of resource managers was recently held in Onawa, Iowa, to discuss Loess Hills prairie management. ICC, county conservation board, and The Nature Conservancy personnel attended the meeting. Field inspections and on-site discussions were conducted on November 21 in a number of Loess Hills prairie tracts. The Loess Hills Wildlife Area in Monona County, Stone Park, and Briar Cliff prairies in Woodbury County, and The Nature Conservancy's Banks property and a tract of private land known as the "Bowl" in Plymouth County were visited. A half-day of informal discussions were then held in Onawa on November 22.

Topics discussed during the meeting included burning sequences on prairie tracts, the timing of prescribed burns, the size and spacing of burns, labor limitations, fire break construction, how fire affects grasses, forbs, and woody species in general and its specific effect on certain endangered plants and animals, fire safety, encroachment of various woody species, grazing for prairie management, trail establishment and maintenance, and future land acquisition in the Loess Hills. Prairie management concerns on specific areas were discussed. A Loess Hills Advisory Committee was formed to make recommendations on future land acquisition in the Loess Hills and land management activities on Loess Hills prairie tracts. In addition, a coordinator was named to coordinate labor and equipment needs for the larger prescribed burn projects in the northern one-half of the Loess Hills.

Eric Anderson--Missouri River Unit

A goshawk was sighted on the Loess Hills Wildlife Area on November 26. It was in an area of brush and timber.

* Carl Priebe--Riverton Unit

On November 18, an immature black brant was shot five miles north of the Riverton Area. The bird decoyed in to his set-up with a small Canada. It was obviously a black brant as the breast was very dark down to near the vent. There were only a couple white feathers where the white ring appears on the adults.

What species? BLACK BRANT How many? ONELocation? 6 mi. N OF RIVERTON ON NO. 2Type of habitat? CORN FIELDWhen? date(s): 11-18-83 time: _____ to _____Who? your name and address: DON PRIEBE 600 CHURCH, SHENANDOAH, IA 51601others with you: STEVE BENSON, OMAHA, NEB. CARL PRIEBE SIDNEY IA. JIM PRIEBE, MARYVILLE MOothers before or after you: _____
*IN WILDLIFE STUDEN @ MARYVILLE

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

Flew into pond with decoys with a Hutchins goose. He was black, belly + breast black, under tail, white. Had a light stripe on neck, but it was evident. Goose was small about 2 1/2 lbs.

Steve Benson shot the bird + is having it mounted.

Don Priebe took pictures + will have them later.

Not sure who wrote this. Sent in by Ruth Pappas/TK

Similar species and how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
light good.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? _____ this form completed? 11-30-83

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