

DOCUMENTATION FORM
Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

Species: Chuck Will's Widow

Location: Ida Grove Iowa

Habitat: In migration?

Date: 5/17/93

Time: 11:05 p.m.

Name and Address: Peter Erzen 401 Taylor Ida Grove Iowa 51445

Other Observers: None

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

I did not observe the bird except for the calling. The birds call was Chuck Will's Widow, with the emphasis on the last two parts of the call, though the call wasn't very loud it was distinct. The bird appeared to be moving from south to north and west to east. I heard the bird calling for about 5 minutes.

Similar species and how eliminated: None with this song. Whip Poor Will similar, but each song is distinctive and identifiable on its own.

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about identification?

No

If yes explain:

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

None

Previous experience with wpecies and similar ones:

None. I have heard the Whip Poor Will when I lived in Eastern Iowa.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Peterson's cassette's of bird songs, National Geographics Field Guide to Birds of North America.

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How long before field notes made? Immediately upon my return from the walk. How long before this form completed? Next day.

Species: Chick Will's Widow

Location: Ida Grove Iowa

Habitat: In migration?

Date: 2/17/53 Time: 11:02 a.m.

Name and Address: Peter Benzen 481 Taylor Ida Grove Iowa 51442

Other Observers: None

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 behavior and voice.

I did not observe the bird except for the calling. The bird's call was Chick Will's Widow, with the emphasis on the last two parts of the call, though the call wasn't very loud it was distinct. The bird appeared to be moving from south to north and west to east. I heard the bird calling for about 2 minutes.

Similar species and how eliminated: None with this song. Whip Poor Will similar, but each song is distinctive and identifiable on its own.

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about identification?

If yes explain:

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

None

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

None. I have heard the Whip Poor Will when I lived in Eastern Iowa.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Peterson's Cassin's of bird songs, National Geographic Field Guide to Birds of North America.