## DOCUMENTATION OF RARE SPECIES

## YELLOW RAIL Coturnicops noveboracensis

Date: 22 September 1991 Time: Approx. 12:30 p.m.

Location: Coralville Reservoir (Sugarbottom recreation area...see map on back), Johnson Co., Iowa

Description: Small, dark rail flushed twice from wet lakeshore meadow.

Diagnostic white patches at trailing edge of wings seen well both times. Also noted in flight were dirty tawny-yellow face and breast with dark auricular patch, very short dark-yellowish bill. Long legs dangled in flight in typical rail fashion. No vocalizations heard.

 $\frac{\text{Conditions:}}{\text{only from as close as 5 meters with Zeiss 10x40 binoculars.}}$ 

Similar Species: Large white wing patches are diagnostic.

Previous Experience: Several years experience on the Upper Texas

Coast with all regular North American rail species.

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