

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? American Woodcock How many? 1st - 1
2nd - 1

Location? 5 mi. East of Bronson, Iowa

Type of Habitat? Water Shed AREA, Many Ponds Near, Diverted Acres Field ^{with Fox Tail}

When? date(s): 1st Nov 1, 87 2nd Dec 20, 87 time: 1st 3:00
2nd 4:50 PM

Who? your name and address: Douglas A. Wheelock 4307 Lincoln Way S.C. Iowa

Others with you: ^{First Sighting -} Randy Sprague S.C. Ia, Wes Sprague, Davenport, Iowa
^{Second -} Jim Tadlock, Jamie Tadlock, Jon Tadlock, S.C. Ia

Others before or after you: 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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

The bird was compared with Woodcock description in A Guide To Field Identification Birds of North America. The bird had been shot during hunting in a field with Pheasants, Partridge, and Quail. The bird broke from ground cover approx. 20ft. in front of hunter. The bird flew straight away with sound, coloration, and flight pattern and size of that of a single Bobwhite Quail. Upon retrieving the bird its long bill was immediately noted. The bird was then compared with the field guide after returning home.

Second sighting was made in same area while driving. The bird flew across the road ~~from~~ left to right with its large bill in full view.

Similar species; how eliminated:

By use of field guide.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? NO
If yes, explain:

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

In hand.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: NONE

References and persons consulted before writing description:

A Guide to Field Identification Birds of North America

How long before field notes made? — this form completed? 11/10/88

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).