

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO How many? 1
Location? IN MY BACKYARD, 108 HILLCREST AVE. GLENWOOD, IOWA 51534
Type of Habitat? BORDERS OPEN FIELD, A FEW TALL WEEDS
When? date(s): 11-4-90 time: 11:45 AM to 12:30 P.M.
Who? your name and address: DOUG ROSE
Others with you: NONE
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.

I noticed an odd looking bird sitting on my back chain link fence. It was about the size of a morning dove, tanish in color with a white ~~see~~ breast and belly. I quickly grabbed my binocs and took a look. It was a cuckoo. Its lower mandible was mostly yellow, except for the tip. It sat fluffed up as if it were cold or sick. It was even so nice as to drop its wing showing the reddish patches (primaries). It then flew to a fence bordering my neighbor. I switched windows and watched it occasionally as moved to some tall weeds next to my neighbor's dog pen. The last I saw it was sitting in these weeds.

Similar species; how eliminated: Black-billed Cuckoo - yellow on lower mandible and reddish primaries

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? NA
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions; give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment. 75' MEASURED WITH TAPE MEASURE
good light (look at the time) viewed from south east,
Bushnell Sportview 10x50

Previous experience with species and similar ones: I have observed both indoors and know the difference

References and persons consulted before writing description: NONE

How long before field notes made? none this form completed? 15 DAYS

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