

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF  
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Colder Plover 2. Number 2
3. Location Sugar Bottom, Coralville Lake, Johnson Co, Iowa
4. Date: 22 Nov 1980 5. Time Bird Seen: ~ 11<sup>30</sup> to 11<sup>35</sup>
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):  
About size of Killdeer (nearby). Light brown underparts and head with lighter indistinct eye stripe. Wings darker black with fine white speckles. Bill and legs dark. Plover shape, slimmer than black-bellied. In flight - no wing stripe, tail and rump same dark color as back. Alar feathers not black - same color as rest of body. Sharp pointed wings.  
This is a record late date
7. Description of voice, if heard: a few notes - short
8. Description of behavior: sitting, walking, flying.
9. Habitat - general: Open grassy area adjacent to reservoir.  
specific: Sugar Bottom
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:  
Black-bellied Plover
11. Distance (how measured)? 40 yards - estimate 12. Optical equipment:  
8x40 binoc.
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):  
Sunny - light behind viewer
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:  
common bird
15. Other observers: Joe Schaufensbuel, Bob Myers, Francis Moore, Russell Hays
16. Did the others agree with your identification? Yes
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: none
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:  
none
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 3 hours
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