

DOCUMENTATION FORM
Extraordinary Bird Sightings
In Iowa

Species? Common Barn-owl No. 1

Location Boone County, Worth Township (T-83N, R-26W) Sec. 21

Habitat Deciduous Woodland edge (Wildlife Research Station)

Date(s) 30 May 1984 Time: 0800 to 0900

Name and Address: Bruce Ehresman, R1, Ledges Road, Boone, IA 50036

Other Observers: Rick Dietz (same address)

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.

Rick Dietz captured this unbanded owl in a partially open building which houses captive breeding barn-owls. The wild owl was probably attracted by the calls of the confined birds. The owl was very light coloration (probably a male) and weighed 550g. He was banded with a #6 lock-on USFWS band # 816-32778 and then released.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

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

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

I manage the captive breeding barn-owl program for the ICC.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? Immediately this form completed?

Same day