

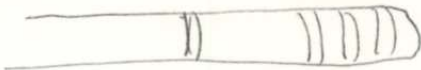
## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Black-billed Cuckoo How many? 1Location? Hickory Hill P., Iowa City, Johnson Co, Ia.Type of habitat? Wooded edge, heavy bushesWhen? date(s): 3 May 1988 time: 8<sup>15</sup> to 8<sup>20</sup> est.Who? your name and address: Thomas H. Kent, 21 Richards St, Iowa City, IAothers with you: none

others before or after you: \_\_\_\_\_

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 voice and behavior.

A cuckoo hopped into me opened in a large bushy tree at about 15' I watched it for some time. Bill all black, slightly down curved. A long slender bird with long narrow tail. Mantle and upper tail had considerable iridescent green. Other upper parts dull gray-brown with hint of rufous on edge of wing - not distinct rufous as in yellow-b. t. t. Underparts light. Under tail had white tips to feathers giving bars across tail. Under-tail feathers appeared to be of different lengths



Not heard.

After looking at book, I see I forgot to mention the ~~eye~~ eye red ring, which I saw.

Similar species and how eliminated: Yellow-billed - bill, lack of rufous, lack of tail spots.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain:

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

In shadow, 30 ft, 10x binocularsPrevious experience with species and similar ones: common. Heard early last yr.References and persons consulted before writing description: noneHow long before field notes made? 1/2 hr this form completed? 1/2 hr

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