

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

Species Common flicker, "hybrid" form 2. Number: 1

Location Iowa City IA

Date: 1 Nov. 1975 5. Time Bird seen: ~ 10 Am, to 10-15 min of obs

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): flicker with bright salmon-red linings to wing and tail; shafts of primaries and tail feathers also red. crown brown, face grey; border between crown and face irregular + indistinct. a faint red mustache-mark and a faint red crescent on the back of the neck.

7. Description of voice, if heard: —

8. Description of behavior: perching on trunk of Hickory tree.

9. Habitat - general: lawn with many large hickory trees, in Hickory Hill Park, Iowa
specific: City - park contains second growth woods, pastures, brush old fields. Surrounded on 3 sides by residential areas, farmland on the other side.

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:
local 'yellow-shafted' has ① yellow linings to wing + tail, ② yellow shafts to primaries + rectrices; ③ black mustache-mark, ④ brown face + grey crown.

11. Distance (how measured)? 30-50' (est.)

12. Optical equipment: 10X50 binocs.

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
grey cloudy day with diffuse light

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: have seen 'red-shafted' in Wash state; 'yellow-shafted' common in IA.

15. Other observers: —

16. Did the others agree with your identification? —

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: —

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description: checked Robbins + Zim after wards - it was there I discovered that red shafted has no red nape-crescent and that this bird was ∴ a hybrid.

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? transcribed from notes made on the spot.

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