

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Greater Yellowlegs How many? 1Location? Cone M. Louisa CoType of habitat? Sand spitWhen? date(s): 17 March time: ca 100 PM to 115 PMWho? your name and address: Rick Hollis 3351 Lower West Branch Rd Iowa Cityothers with you: R+M. Milkman, D

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.

Size: 2-3x larger than Killdeer. Probably body was ~ 2x

Legs: Long, light yellow with knobby knees.

Bill: Long, thin + slightly upturned

Back was grayish.

Belly appeared white - the lighting was such that they it could have been marked (not strongly)

Bird was walking along sand spit, sometimes in water several inches deep. At times it paused to peck at the ground or under water.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
20X Scope, Binoc 7 or 10X 35 100 yds est Sun Bird
Couldnt zoom scope up due to windPrevious experience with species and similar ones: I see them every year ^{Obs}References and persons consulted before writing description: NoneHow long before field notes made? 1 hr this form completed? 5 hrs

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