

Middlewestern Prairie Region
(Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio)

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species Chuck-will's widow 2. Number: 1

3. Location 2 miles west Montezuma, Poweshiek County, Iowa

4. Date: 20 & 21 June 1980 5. Time Bird seen: 2330 to 0100
1000 to 1030

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):

Not seen

7. Description of voice, if heard: oft repeated "chuck-wills-widow", accent on the "wills-widow", slower cadence than call of Whip-poor-will.

8. Description of behavior: NA

9. Habitat - general: farmland interspersed with woodlots
specific: apparantly flying over valley farmland bordered on two sides by low wooded ridges.

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:
Whip-poor-wills were calling in same vicinity at same time.

11. Distance (how measured)? $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, estimated from map 12. Optical equipment: NA

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
NA

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: Have heard this species in Texas, Georgia and Iowa; Whip-poor-will in Iowa and elsewhere.

15. Other observers: None

16. Did the others agree with your identification?
NA

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
None

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
None

9. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 14 hours

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Date: 21 June 1980 City, State: _____