

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Yellow Rail How many? 1Location? Doolittle Prairie north of Ames, IowaType of habitat? prairie marshWhen? date(s): May 8 - 1983 time: 5:00 PM toWho? your name and address: Eugene Armstrongothers with you: Elaine Armstrong Dennis Thompson

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.

this bird was flushed while looking for a King Rail. Savannah & Virginia were being flushed regularly, a smaller rail was flushed, yellowish overall with trailing white wing patches. Bird was flushed 4 or 5 times, once at very close range, 10ft or less. smaller size & yellow overall color & the white wing patches made us all agree on yellow ~~Rail~~ Rail.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Savannah, smaller, yellow, white wing patchesDid any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

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

cloudy conditions, ten to thirty feet 7-35 Binoculars

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

1 seen years prior while mowing hay in fall

References and persons consulted before writing description:

None How long before field notes made? \_\_\_\_\_ this form completed? 10 days