

Yellow Rail Documentation

Species - Yellow Rail (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*) Number - 1

Location - East side of Sweet Marsh - Bremer Co. Iowa

Date - May 11, 1980 Time : 9:00 A.M.

Description - Small rail (smaller than soras I had been flushing) with very dark brown back + back of wings. Possibly some striping on back. White wing patches on trailing edge of wings. Patches were about $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide and extended out about 2" from body.

Habitat - This bird flushed in exactly the same place as one did May 26, 1979 for Francis Moore and me. The area has short grass (less than a foot high) and the water under the grass is ~~to~~ about 4" or 5" deep. Francis flushed the bird again May 18, 1980.

Note - The rail got tangled in grass as it flushed so I got a real good look at a distance of about 3 feet. The bird flew about 15 feet and went down in the marsh and could not be flushed again.

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