

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Sandhill Crane How many? 1Location? 1 e. of Hills, Johnson Co. IowaType of habitat? River bottom soybean stubble fieldWhen? date(s): 13 Mar 1983 time: 8:45 to 9:00 AmWho? your name and address: Thomas H. Kent, 211 Richards St, Iowa City IA 52240others with you: Tom Staudtothers before or after you: Jim Fuller, n. sh.

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.

"Single large gray crane with reddish patch above and in front of eye. long straight gray bill, gray neck, darker gray on body and wing, gray legs. Bird stands tall, 3-4 feet, long neck, long legs, typical Sandhill crane. The cheek and area behind eye lighter than gray of neck & body."

Similar species and how eliminated: noneDid any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
sun behind us, 100 yds, 20x scopePrevious experience with species and similar ones: seen many timesReferences and persons consulted before writing description: noneHow long before field notes made? while viewing this form completed? 6 hrs

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