

May 24, 1985

✓ COMMON GALLINULE

Seen at 7:15 pm on six acre impoundment  
1½ miles north of Iowa City in Johnson Co., May 23rd.

Slate gray, a few white feathers on flank,  
red bill with an ivory tip, yellow-green legs.

Feeding in about 6" of water, several feet  
out from steep, brushy shore, in a small  
patch of arrow roots. Adjacent to a small  
marshy area.

We approached quietly in a canoe; it seemed  
quite unperturbed. Fed for a minute longer,  
(we had a profile, light at our back),  
before turning to face us. When we had  
drifted within about 30 feet of it, it  
sedately walked to the shore, up the bank  
and into the dark brush and trees.

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