

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Pileated Woodpecker How many? 1Location? Welch Lake Dickinson CountyType of habitat? Lakeside Timber - (Burroaks + Ashes)When? date(s): _____ time: 10 AM to 11 AMWho? your name and address: Robert R Benedict RR9 Box 33-3, Spirit Lake, IA. 51360

others with you: _____

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.

Large mostly black woodpecker with white stripes on face + red crest. Dark bill. Didn't hear any vocalizing. Chiselled at dead wood on Burr Oaks. Made 2½-3" hole in small hollow ash in less than 5 minutes.

Similar species and how eliminated: None

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? _____

If yes, explain:

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

overcast with rain + snow mixed, out bay window 15 yds -
55 yards 8X50 binoculars

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen pileated woodpeckers in eastern + northeast Iowa. Have BS in Fisheries + Wildlife ISU '79

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? _____ this form completed? ~ 1 monthMAIL TO: T. H. Kent, Field Reports Editor, 211 Richards Street, Iowa City, IA 52240