

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species: CAROLINA WREN 2. Number: 1
3. Location: FARM GROVE 13^m WEST, 1^{mi} NORTH of CHEROKEE
IOWA.
4. Date: 30 JAN 1983 5. Time seen: 11:00 AM to 11:01 AM
6. Description of size, shape, and color: LARGE, WREN
SHAPE. RUSTY BROWN ABOVE. WHITE EYE BROW
STRIPE, LIGHT UNDER NEATH, WHITE THROAT.
I SEEMED ABOUT 1/2 TIMES LARGER THAN A HOUSE WREN.
7. Voice, if heard: NONE
8. Behavior: APPEARED TO BE SEARCHING FOR FOOD ON BRANCH
THAT WAS AT A 30° ANGLE WITH THE GROUND ABOUT 15 ABOVE GROUND.
9. Habitat: FARM GROVE. BOX ELDER, MULBERRY, COTTONWOOD, BLUE
SPRUCE, BRUSHY UNDER GROWTH.
10. Similar species: HOUSE WREN, WINTER WREN, BROWN CREEPER,
FOX SPARROW, BEWICK'S WREN.
11. Distance viewed at: 60' Optical equipment: 15X BAUSCH & LOMB
SCOPE
13. Light: OVERCAST.
14. Previous experience with this species and similar species:
SEEN IN SOUTHERN STATES. ^{VERY} FAMILIAR WITH OTHERS EXCEPT
FOR WINTER WREN. WINTER WREN MUCH SMALLER WITH SHORTER TAIL.
TAIL EDGES NOT WHITE AS IN BEWICK'S TAIL.
15. Other observers: MR & MRS. CHARLES KREKOW
16. Did others agree: YES 17. Other independent observers:
MARION BREWER
18. Books and advice consulted: PETERSON'S FIELD GUIDE, CHANDLER & RUBENS GUIDE TO N. BIRDS
19. How long after seeing this bird did I write this description:
1 hr.
- Signature: DICK BIRZMAN Address 901 HAREN
- Date 30 JAN 83 City, State CHEROKEE, IA. 51012

Tom,

This is my first ~~Iowa~~ Cherokee Co. record of a CAROLINA WREN. I received a letter from Gladys Black to check it out. I did so very cautiously. I realize that these wrens haven't been seen in southern Iowa much lately, let alone out of their range in NW. IOWA.

MARIO BREWER just called and verified the bird as a CAROLINA WREN. He will send a documentation form also.

HOORAH FOR NW. IOWA!