

What species? Northern Shrike How many? 1Location? Near South entry to Princeton Marsh and Pumping station area.Type of habitat? Triangle patch of land bordered by RR[#] Tracks / gravel roads corn stubble, small trees on edge.When? date(s): 4-5-92 (A) 3-8-92 time: 3:00 pm to 3:10 pm.

phone pole/wires.

Who? your name and address: Dan Dorrance 2921 Kelling Davenport, IA 52804others with you: NONEothers before or after you: NONE that I'm aware of.

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.

Robin size bird with longer tail perched on a phone wire facing east, and toward gravel road. Tail did not point straight down when perched, although went more to an angle. Bill size was long with a prevalent hook to the upper mandible. The bill appeared all dark as there was no noticeable difference in color between the upper and lower mandible. Chest barring was present and quite noticeable and distinct. Pale gray back and cap from a distance give the bird the initial appearance of being the same color as the chest and belly. Dark black wings were then visible when perched. The black eye mask did not extend above the eye and remained even with the top of the eye. The mask was also limited in the area covered.

The shrike would often leave its phone wire perch as it did on 2 occasions and fly out into the middle of the field and on one occasion landed on a corn stalk. It returned to the phone wire after less than one minute and eventually flew off across the field and lighted in a tree 20-25 ft high. (A) A shrike seen in the same area was quite active and did not allow me to approach and kept flying to wire, to tree, to tree etc. (3-8-92)

Loggerhead Shrike.

Similar species and how eliminated: Chest barring was more prevalent. Lighter cap and back. Longer bill and definite hook. Eye line was not as extensive and remained all below the eye or even with the eye.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? yes on 3-8-92 sighting.

The shrike identified as Northern on 3-8-92 was not definite due to looking nearly due west. If yes, explain: as well as it being my first observation of a shrike. Pete Petersen asked about the general color of the bird, including bill color, barring, and mask etc and was not able to provide details then.

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

Sunny, viewed bird from a Northwest angle. Distance was eye balled at approximately 30-35 yards. Used 10X50 Binos and Nikon spotting scope set on 25-30 power. Remained in vehicle the entire time.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: May have been the same bird observed on 3-8-92. Have had 2 close-ups of Loggerhead shrikes from 20-25 ft. although it was my first experience then.

References and persons consulted before writing description: Pete Petersen.How long before field notes made? 11 days. this form completed? 4-16-92

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