

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Loggerhead Shrike 2. Number 1
3. Location ~ 1/2 mile west of green castle corner on Swan lake road.
4. Date: 12/16/78 5. Time Bird Seen: ~ 10¹⁵ to _____
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):
robin sized bird with white breast, ^{dark} gray back, black wings & tail, heavy hooked bill, black mask ^{appeared to be.} ~~continuous~~ continuous over bill.
White patches in wings when it flew.
7. Description of voice, if heard: not heard.
8. Description of behavior: perched on high snag in open, brushy country-
9. Habitat - general: dropped straight down when flew? flew away
specific: low star grass.
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:
The bird was lighter on the breast than any northern I've seen - In addition both T. Staudt & I are pretty sure the mask was continuous over the bill
11. Distance (how measured)? 150yds estimate
12. Optical equipment: Leitz 8x40 Trinovids
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
sky clear, light good - behind me and directly on bird
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
see northern shrike form
15. Other observers:
T. Staudt., R. Williams
16. Did the others agree with your identification? Yes.
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
Robbins & Zemon - no influence
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? a few hours
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