

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Northern Shrike How many? 1Location? Cone M., Louisa Co., IAType of habitat? Marsh + farmland with edgeWhen? date(s): 10 March 1985 time: 9:15 to 9:25 AmWho? your name and address: Thomas H. Kent, 211 Richards St, Iowa City, IA 52240others with you: Carl Beardsothers before or after you: Jim Sandrock saw bird on 9 March

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.

Shrike with thin black facial stripe below eye to lower edge of bill. Eye half above black line. Lores gray with small white tuft at bill. Bill all dark, long, hooked with hook extending well below lower mandible. White rump (not gray). Fine, faint breast barring. Tail pumping observed. Bird in top of large tree. Song short notes that sound somewhat like chirp of House Sparrow.

Similar species and how eliminated: Loggerhead Shrike. All features except all dark bill favor Northern

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
Seen with side and direct light with 20x scope at 40 yards (est)Previous experience with species and similar ones: regular speciesReferences and persons consulted before writing description: Looked at Geographic Guide while viewingHow long before field notes made? at end of viewing this form completed? 2 hrs

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