

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species: NORTHERN SHRIKE 2. Number: 1
3. Location: 1 mile West of Spirit LAKE
4. Date: 11-29-78 5. Time seen: 3 PM to 3:10 PM
6. Description of size, shape, and color: Robin sized,
BLACK and Light Gray. BLACK mask did not
extend over bill. Lower bill Light colored
7. Voice, if heard: NONE
8. Behavior: Sitting on Fence Post with dead English
SPARROW
9. Habitat: Open country 100 yds from FARM GROVE.
10. Similar species: Mockingbird, GRAY JAY. I AM VERY FAMILIAR
with both of these. Loggerheaded shrike. This
bird was much lighter on the back than Loggerhead.
11. Distance viewed at: 50' Optical equipment: TX35 binoculars
13. Light: ~~not~~ OVERCAST
14. Previous experience with this species and similar species:
I've observed nesting Loggerheads and seen them regularly
in the summer. I spnt a Kyrptin on an immature Northern last year.
15. Other observers: NONE
16. Did others agree: — 17. Other independent observers:
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18. Books and advice consulted: Peterson's Field Guide.
19. How long after seeing this bird did I write this description:
2 1/2 hrs
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