

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species: NORTHERN SHRIKE (ADULT) 2. Number: 1
3. Location: T93-R39-SECTION 2, CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
4. Date: 1 DEC 79 5. Time seen: 2:15 to 2:25
6. Description of size, shape, and color: SHRIKE SIZE & SHAPE.
INCOMPLETE BLACK MASK, LIGHT COLORED LOWER BILL.
VERY SLIGHT BARRED BREAST. GRAY WITH DARK WING.
WHITE PATCHES OF WING SHOWN IN FLIGHT
7. Voice, if heard: ~~SHRIKE~~ NONE
8. Behavior: PERCHED ON TOP OF A HAWTHORN TREE
9. Habitat: HILLY-OPEN WOODS WITH THICKETS AND PASTURE
10. Similar species: mockingbird, KESTREL
11. Distance viewed at: 150 Feet Optical equipment: 15 TO 60 POWER SPOTTING scope.
12. Light: BRIGHT SUN coming from behind me.
14. Previous experience with this species and similar species:
2 OTHER DOCUMENTED REPORTS ON THIS SPECIE - LOGGERHEADED
SHRIKE IS A NESTER IN THIS AREA IN THE SUMMER. MOCKINGBIRDS I'VE SEEN A LOT
IN SOUTHERN STATES
KESTREL - COMMON AROUND HERE
15. Other observers: 1
16. Did others agree: YES 17. Other independent observers:
NONE
18. Books and advice consulted: PETERSON Field guide AND A FIELD GUIDE TO NORTH AMERICAN
BIRDS.
19. How long after seeing this bird did I write this description:
2 HOURS
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