

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species: NORTHERN SHRIKE 2. Number: 1
3. Location: SECTION 17, SPRING TOWNSHIP, CHEROKEE
COUNTY
4. Date: 11-DEC 1982. Time seen: 1330 to 1335
6. Description of size, shape, and color: ROBIN SIZED,
GRAY WITH DARK WINGS, SLIGHT BARRING ON
THE BREAST, THE LIGHT LOWER MANDIBLE AND
INCOMPLETE MARK WERE EASILY SEEN.
7. Voice, if heard: NONE
8. Behavior: PERCHED ON THE TOP OF A BOXELDER TREE
9. Habitat: HILLY, PASTURE, CROPLAND AND SPARSE TREES.
10. Similar species: LOGGERHEADED SHRIKE, MOCKINGBIRD.
11. Distance viewed at: 120' Optical equipment: 15x
SPOTTING SCOPE 13. Light: SUNNY FROM BEHIND ME.
14. Previous experience with this species and similar species:
IVE DOCUMENTED SEVERAL NORTHERN SHRIKES.
IVE SEEN MANY LOGGER-HEADED AND MOCKINGBIRDS BEFORE.
15. Other observers: NONE
16. Did others agree: — 17. Other independent observers:
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18. Books and advice consulted: NONE
19. How long after seeing this bird did I write this description:
1 HOUR
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- Date 11 DEC 1982 City, State CHEROKEE IOWA 51012