

Chukar

1970

Davenport, Scott Co., IA
Mr. Knox fide P. Petersen
letter (Petersen)

Record Number: 81-ND
Classification: NA

NOTE

Peter C. Petersen, 30 June 1981

REFERENCE

Petersen, P.C. 1981. Chukars in the Quad-Cities. IBL 51:131.
VOTE on record and species (combined with other Scott County
records): 4-I-P, 3-VI
REVOTE (at meeting, 8 May 1982): 3-I-P, 4-VI

Chuker- 6-30-81

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Additional notes - Davenport Area.

The source of the 1974 nesting bird may have been Mr. Dick Knox, Pres. of Knox Oil Co. He bought 100 in Oklahoma in 1970 & released them at his home - edge of Davenport & Bettendorf, $\frac{1}{4}$ mi. from Miss. R. One was ~~seen~~ seen in his yard last spring. He had forgotten about his purchase until I identified this bird & learned of his import. I have been called one to three times per year since 1970 re. sightings of Chukers in Davenport, many along Duck Creek in N.W. & N.E. Davenport. On May 8, 1981 one was reported on a farm $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. N.E. of Blue Grass, Scott Co., present for one week.

This species was introduced at "Wild Wings", 7 mi S. of Muscatine, a former shooting preserve. This area is now owned by Iowa-Illinois Gas & El. Co. One of their biologists, Dary/Jahn, has not seen one in the past three years - he is on the site about twice a week.

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Petersen, P. C. 1981. Chukars in the Quad-Cities. Iowa Bird Life 51:131

Chukars in the Quad-Cities — Throughout the 1970s, I received several reports of Chukars at feeding stations and in yards in Davenport and Bettendorf. In 1974 a bird built a nest in a railroad yard in west Davenport but did not succeed in hatching her eggs. Several years ago I received a call to identify a bird in the yard of Richard Knox who lives about four blocks from me just into Bettendorf. The bird was a Chukar and upon learning its identity, Mr. Knox recalled that he bought 100 in Oklahoma in 1970 and released them in his yard (several acres, partly wooded). These birds apparently spread throughout the area and were responsible for the many reports. At a n.w. Davenport resident indicates they have bred successfully the last three summers. One report in the summer of 1981 came from near Blue Grass, nearly fourteen miles from the release point. Having survived for eleven years, they are a part of the Quad-City avifauna and are deserving of a place on the Iowa list of birds. PETER C. PETERSEN, 235 McClellan Blvd., Davenport, 52803.