

Whooping Crane
23 Oct 1963
Riverton Area, Fremont Co., IA
C. W. Matherly
Matherly 1964

Record Number: 81-MP
Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Matherly, C.W. 1964. Whooping Cranes in Iowa. IBL 34:26.
VOTE (1981): 2-III, 4-IV, 1-V
IV, A description would be worth 10 times the testimonial on
observers ability .
V, no details.
III, one obs.
IV, no description.
III, Apparently observer reliable -- also knew that one bird
was a juvenile. Habitat, date and locality all very probable.

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Matherly, C. W., 1964, Whooping Cranes in Iowa. Iowa Bird Life 34:26

Whooping Cranes in Iowa—On the afternoon of October 23, 1963 approximately 2 p.m. it was my pleasure to see two Whooping Cranes (one adult and one juvenile) land in a mowed stubble area located approximately two hundred yards north of the northern most dike of the Riverton public hunting area, Fremont county. These birds had not yet left the area at the close of hunting hours that day, however they were not in that immediate area the following day. —CARL W. MATHERLY, 6810 N.W. Beaver Drive, Johnston. (This note was supplied by Mr. Jack Musgrove who added the following comments on the observer: "This man has had considerable experience and I have no reason to question his identification. I am sure he would know a Whooper from any possibilities. He has spent many years as a waterfowl hunter in this area and is well acquainted with such large species as pelicans, swans, and others tht might be mistaken for a whooper. I would regard his observation as unquestionable." ed.)