

Chukar

Record Number: 94-47

18 Dec 1994

Classification: NA

Davenport, Scott Co., IA

\*Mrs Leonard Decker fide P.C. Petersen

P-0441

#### DOCUMENTATION

Mrs. Leonard Decker, 4330 Cheyenne Ave, Davenport fide P. C. Petersen [6/26/95 to PCP]

#### PHOTOGRAPH

P-0441, fide P. Petersen, Jan 1995

#### REFERENCES

Field Reports: none

Records Committee: [not cited by mistake, IBL 65:82]

#### VOTE: 1 A-P, 6 NA

NA, No question of identification but I am not clear on status of this species in Iowa. Is the population established and growing? What is the population size? Are there periodic restockings? Perhaps it's time to evaluate in detail the status of chukar in the Davenport area.

A-P, Chukars have been reported irregularly from this area for over ten yrs.

NA, Although they are often seen in the Davenport area, not enough data is available to determine they are an established, wild population.

NA, These birds are kept extensively in captivity and many breeders allow them to run free quite often. I do not think this is a self sustaining population in and of itself.

NA, No information provided regarding this "population's" ability to sustain itself without help or additional infusions of new birds. ID not in question, nor is source of birds, thus A-O not applicable.

DOCUMENTATION FORM  
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

94-47

What species? Chukar How many? 7

Location? Division & Cheyenne Aves. N.W. Davenport, Scott Co. Ia.

Type of Habitat? urban, near edge of city and ag land.

When? date(s): all year, on Dec. 18, 1994 time: 7:45 to 8:30 AM.

Who? your name and address: Mrs. Leonard Decker 4330 Cheyenne Ave., Davenport, Ia. 528

Others with you: husband

Others before or after you: Peter C. Petersen - before count

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Quail type bird, larger & chunkier than Bob white. Male with back steel grey-brown, tail edged in chestnut. sides boldly striped black and white. Chest grey, belly buff. Head grey on top with white outlined by black. Bill & legs red. The six young were mottled than on

Notes dictated to PCP by phone

Similar species; how eliminated: Gray Partridge - bill & legs not red, no white & black pattern on head, throat and sides.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment. Thru oc. day, light source behind observer. Birds within 7m. They feed here daily.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen Gray Partridge on several occasions in rural areas.

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? 10 hrs this form completed? 10 hrs.

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).  
Note - Chukars seen in this part of Davenport since at least 1900. Have been in other parts of Davenport since 1971. PCP see IBLV 51, p. 131, 1981