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Eskimo Curlew < 1879 IA J. Krider Krider 1879, Anderson 1907

REFERENCES

Krider, J. 1879. Forty Years Notes of a Field Ornithologist. J. H. Weston Press, Philadelphia. p 68. Anderson 1907. DuMont 1933 VOTE: 5 NA NA, No specific record or description. Reasonable that he would have seen it in May. /thk

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Numenius Borealis-Latham. Esquimaux Curlew.

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118. (266). Numenius borealis (Forst.). Eskimo Curlew.

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Phaeopus borealis (Forster). Eskimo Curlew

Extinct in Iowa. It had been greatly reduced in numbers before 1907, when Anderson wrote of it as follows: "The Eskimo Curlew is also a rare migrant in Iowa. It was listed by Allen (White's Geol. of Iowa, ii, 1870, 426), and John Krider says: 'I found it in Iowa in May, migrating westward' (Forty Years' Notes, 1879, 68).

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Anderson 1907 p 227

> DuMont 1933 pp 67-68