

Mountain Plover

25 Mar 1964

Credit Island, Scott Co., IA

Peter Petersen

Petersen 1964, IBL 34:44, 46; 59:75

Record Number: 81-AL

Classification: NA

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 34:44, 46

Petersen, P. 1964. Mountain Plover at Davenport. IBL 34:49.

Records Committee: IBL 59:75

VOTE (1981): 6-III, 1-IV

III, good observers - so almost could be II.

III, Key marks noted, Killdeer present for comparison, competent observer, poor overall description.

III, Good observation by good observer.

III, Only 2 observers: description not very detailed.

III, Both Elton & I familiar with the bird in Colorado. We were fully aware of its rarity at the time of the obs.

IV, Sight observations only - 2 observers on 2 occasions.

Description very sketchy. Only three field marks noted.

III, The description is not entirely satisfactory -- it has no indication of the size of the bird and I do not believe it adequately eliminates winter-plumaged Golden Plover. However, observer reliability is almost impeccable, hence III rather than IV.

REVOTE (at meeting, 1 May 1981): no change in vote.

REVOTE (at meeting, 10 July 1988): 5 NA, 1 abstain

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Petersen, P. C. Jr, 1964 Mountain Plover at Davenport. IBL 34:49.

Mountain Plover at Davenport—At noon on March 25, 1964, a Mountain Plover in full breeding plumage was observed at Credit Island, Davenport. The bird was seen in the company of several Killdeer on the mudflat of the harbor area. Light conditions were favorable and it was observed through 12X binoculars from a car at a distance of about 100 feet. The clear breast and white area on the forehead and over the eye were noted. On the next day the bird was seen in flight with Killdeer by Elton Fawks. The faint wing stripe was noted by him. Strong southwesterly winds of March 24 could have blown this bird into this area. This appears to be the first record of this bird in Iowa, and it is regrettable that this bird could not have been captured and photographed. A sleet storm the afternoon and evening of March 25 made an attempt at mist netting impossible.—PETER PETERSEN, JR., 2736 E. High St., Davenport.