

Sharp-tailed Grouse  
13 Nov 1974  
Hamburg, Fremont Co., IA  
Ione Getscher  
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Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Field Reports: IBL 44:101.

VOTE (1981): 1-IV, 2-V, 3-VI, 1-?

VI, my guess is pheasant.

?, I have called it accidental in write up for 'Birds of Iowa' although these observations may be of escapes and the same bird. However, the South Dakota book says that the sharp-tails are often found east of their range in winter.

VI, But 'Why must it have been an escape?'

V, no details, escapee possible.

VI, Incorrect I.D. I am sure. I wouldn't be as charitable as to call it an escapee. Female pheasant?

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Brown, W. H., 1974, Field reports. Iowa Bird Life 44:101

Grouse, Quail, Pheasants. A Sharp-tailed Grouse hen seen on 13 November near Hamburg must have been an escape (EG). It has not been recorded in the state for many years. Pheasants are few (NH), and both Bobwhites and Pheasants are down perhaps 60 percent due to wet weather during the nesting period (Geo. Cox, fide GB).