

Eskimo Curlew
< 1893

Record Number: 93-DA
Classification: NA

Johnson Co., IA
Frank Bond
Nutting 1892, Anderson 1907, DuMont 1933

REFERENCES

Nutting, C.C. 1892. Report of committee on state fauna. Proc.
Iowa Acad. Sci. 1(3):39-42.

Anderson 1907

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3:28-29.

VOTE: 5 NA

NA, There is no description. There is no evidence that
Anderson or DuMont saw the specimen -- Anderson cites Nutting,
and DuMont does not list this specimen in his article on extinct
birds in Iowa collections. Was Nutting correct? /thk

Anderson 1907
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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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Nutting 1892

Porzana jamaicensis (Gmelin). Black Rail. Burlington, Iowa, 1889.—Specimens in the flesh examined by me.

Tringa bairdii, Coues. Baird's Sandpiper. Two specimens killed near Iowa City last spring. Now in University museum.

Numenius borealis (Forst). Eskimo Curlew. Johnson county, Iowa. Frank Bond. Specimens in University museum.

Egialalitis semipalmata, Bonap. Semipalmated Plover. Secured near Iowa City last spring. Specimen in University museum.