

SUPPORTING DETAILS: UNCOMMON OR RARE SPECIES AND/OR SPECIES IN HIGH NUMBERS

CBC name De Soto Bend CBC date 12-21-80 Compiler Dave C. Hinkle

Observer writing this account and date J. Green - R. Lockenauer

SPECIES Brewer's blackbird NUMBER, AGE, SEX 1 - adult - male 12-22-80

Distance from bird(s) 10 ft. Relative size of bird robin

HEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line, etc.)

EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color, etc.) white eye

UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES

LEGS & FEET

UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.) iridescent - black

UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.)

RETRICES (Describe inner, middle, outertail feathers, color pattern, shape, etc.)

WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading and trailing edges, etc.)

VOCALIZATION None

BEHAVIOR Solitary - flew from farmyard to trees bordering road ditch - then flew down into road ditch and picked around.

Date of observation 12-21-80 Time 4:30 P.M. Weather Cold Sky cover Cloudy

Duration of observation 10 min. Bird - Sun orientation

Exact location Highway 30 - Harrison County - approx 1 1/2 west of Iaeger, Missouri Valley, Ia.

Habitat Road side ditch Other observers Steve Spearman Optical equipment 2 Bushnell binoculars 10x50 1 J.C. Penny binoculars 7x35

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS First sighting, suspected common grackle, size of bird indicated a second and closer observation was needed. Upon close observation tail rounded, not reel shaped. Head, back and tail three separate iridescent colors. Noting definite green-brassy cast on back.

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