

Clark's Nutcracker  
1972  
33 locations, IA  
many, unspecified  
Black 1973

Record Number: 93-FC  
Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Black, G.B. 1973. Clark's Nutcracker sightings in Iowa  
1972-73. IBL 43:50-51.

VOTE: 5 NA

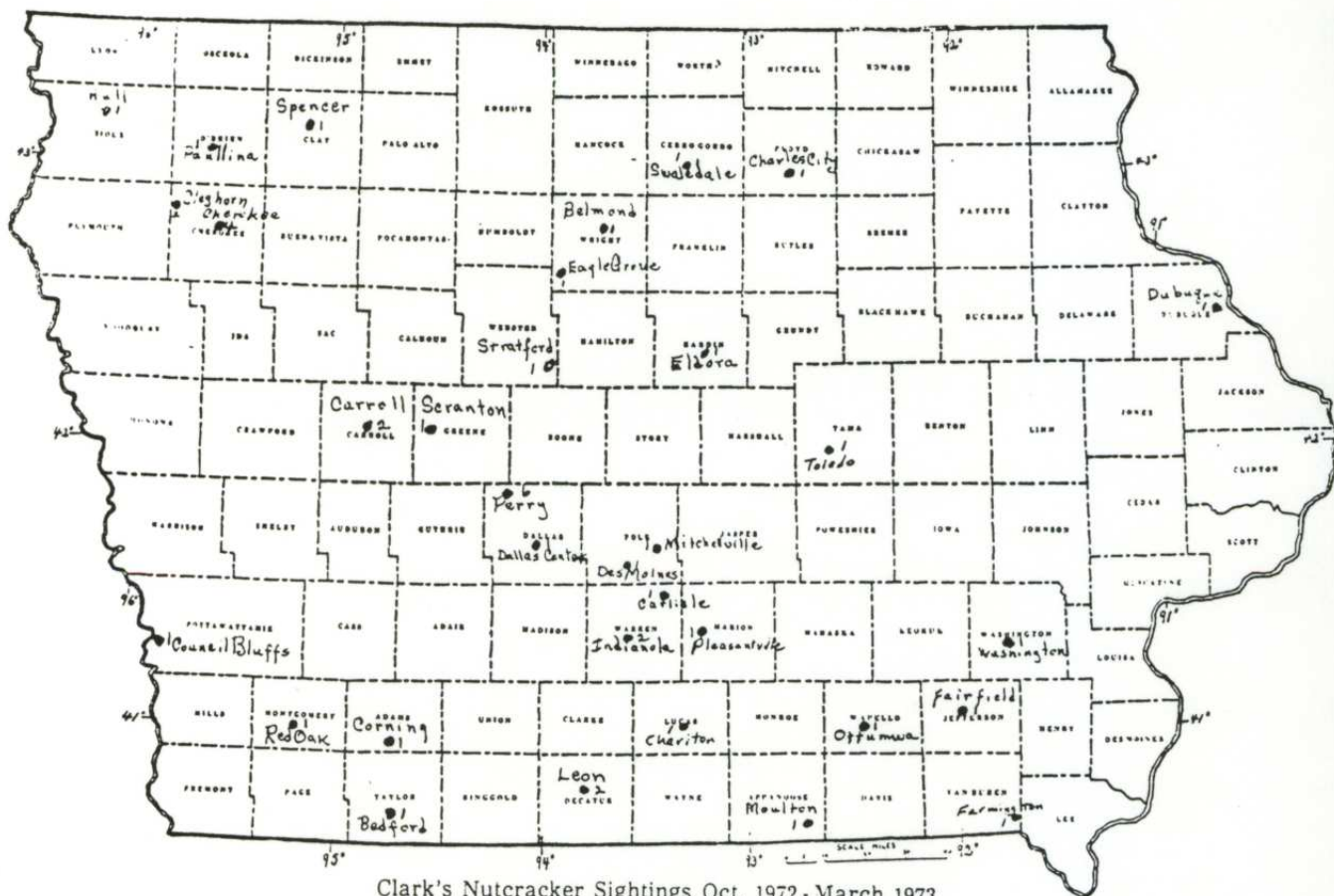
NA, Gladys Black maps 33 locations were she accepted records  
from 60 letters received in response to her article in the Des  
Moines Register. It is amazing that out of all of these, only the  
one seen by Gladys herself and one seen by the Ayres were  
confirmed. I wonder if Gladys kept these letters. /thk

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Clark's Nutcracker sightings in Iowa, Winter 1972-73 -- As a result of my article "Clark's Nutcracker" published in the Des Moines Sunday Register, Feb. 4, 1973. I received over 60 letters reporting nutcracker sightings. I eliminated over half, perhaps unjustly. If they reported the bird in a multiflora rose hedge, I judged it likely to be a Mockingbird. If it was seen perched along a fence row or harassing smaller birds, it probably was a shrike. If it was seen at a suet feeder close up I accepted it as a valid record. Many persons knew the birds from mountain camping and several photographs. I received 2 and 3 letters from several towns with a high of 5 from Hull, these I accepted.

One Warren County lady reported a Clark's Nutcracker in Oct. 1969. I consider hers a valid record as she had grown up on a ranch in the west and knew the bird well. I also received a few reports from Nebraska, Minnesota, Missouri, Illinois and Wisconsin. Dr. George D. Schrimper, Curator, Museum of Natural History, University of Iowa, Iowa City informed me that the Museum has a Clark's Nutcracker specimen collected by A. W. Hemphill at Tiffin on Nov. 27, 1919. - GLADYS B. BLACK, Pleasantville.



Clark's Nutcracker Sightings Oct. 1972 - March 1973  
Number indicates number of nutcrackers observed.