

Black-backed Woodpecker

CA 1885

Henry Co., IA

Walter G. Savage

Anderson 1907

Record Number: 81-CH  
Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Anderson 1907

VOTE (1981): 1-II, 2-IV, 4-V

V, need to see painting.

V, Many of Savage's paintings went to the capitol building and may still be there or in the State Historical Museum.

V, Old second hand record of an event 20 yrs earlier -- painting of bird said to be made. Now extant? No current hard data.

## Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker

Anderson 1907  
pp 274-275

179. (400). *Picoides arcticus* (Swains.). Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker.

The Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker may only be expected as a casual winter visitant in Iowa, if it occurs at all at the present

time. Walter G. Savage writes: "About twenty years ago my father shot one, the only record I have in our locality. I have a painting of the bird and was with the man when he shot it. It was taken in the western part of Henry county, on Big Cedar." } 1

W. W. Cooke states: "This is one of the migratory woodpeckers, but its movements are not extensive. In the Mississippi Valley these movements are limited to a migration from its summer home in British America to the United States, where it remains during the winter, returning in the spring. . . . Individuals have been known to occur in northern Illinois, but are seldom seen south of latitude 40°" (Bird Migr. in Miss. Val., 1884-85, p. 129).

It has been taken three times in the state, twice at Omaha, once by I. S. Trostler, December 15, 1895, and again by F. J. Breese, and at Dakota City by Wallace Bruner (Rev. Bds. Neb., p. 59). } 2  
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*Picoides arcticus* (Swainson). Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker

A casual winter visitor. There are but two records. Anderson (1907) recorded the following report from Walter G. Savage: "About twenty years ago [about 1885] my father shot one, the only record I have in our locality. I have a painting of the bird and was with the man when he shot it. It was taken in the western part of Henry County, on Big Cedar." DuMont (1931) says: "Rare winter visitor. The only record is of one seen February 18, 1924, in Crocker Woods, Des Moines, by Miss Anna K. Bernard and A. T. Watson." Watson became acquainted with this bird in Maine and the writer accepts his observation as unquestionable. One was seen March 6, 1927, by C. A. Mitchell in the Fontenelle Forest Reserve, south of Omaha, Nebraska, and across the Missouri from Pottawattamie County, Iowa. There are no Iowa specimens. } 5

DuMont 1933  
pp 92-93

Bent, A. C.: Life History of North American Woodpeckers.  
Bull 174 US Nat Museum, Washington, 1939. p 116

During the winter season this species has been recorded north to Alaska (Copper River); Mackenzie (Fort Simpson, Fort Rae, and Fort Reliance); Manitoba (Grand Rapids); Ontario (Arnprior and Ottawa); New Brunswick (Scotch Lake); and Nova Scotia (Pictou). While no regular movements have been detected, individuals have been recorded at this season south to Long Island, N. Y. (East Hampton and Southampton); northern New Jersey (Upper Montclair and Englewood); southern New York (Ithaca); Ohio (Painesville and Akron); Illinois (Rantoul and Peoria); Iowa (Big Cedar River); and Nebraska (Omaha and Dakota). } 1