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Bohemian Waxwing

6 Jan 1999

Grinnell, Poweshiek Co., IA

Jim Fuller, Tom Kent

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DOCUMENTATIONS

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REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 69:70

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DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD

SPECIES: BOHEMIAN WAXWING

LOCATION: Grinnell (Poweshiek County) Grinnell Country Club golf course in a deciduous tree about 120 feet east of the clubhouse parking lot.

DATE and TIME: 6 January, 1999 (Approximately 12N)

OBSERVER: Jim Fuller, 6 Longview Knoll, NE, Iowa City, Iowa, 52240

OTHERS; With Tom Kent

DESCRIPTION: We spotted a flock of about 15 Waxwings in a bare tree on the country club golf course about 120 feet east of the clubhouse parking lot. After getting binoculars on the birds, almost immediately Tom said there was a larger gray appearing waxwing with the Cedar Waxwings. I got on the bird almost immediately, and it was the most right hand bird in the flock. This bird, compared to the Cedar Waxwings was slightly but noticeably larger, generally grayer, and presented obvious rusty coloration in the undertail area. I only spent about ten seconds looking at these birds, and then started setting up the window mount telescope when they flew away as a group.

SIMILAR SPECIES: Comparisons with Cedar waxwing made in description.

DISAGREEMENT: No

VIEWING CONDITIONS and OPTICAL EQUIPMENT:

It was midday of an overcast and blustery cold midwinter day. I was looking toward the east using 8.5 X 44 Swift Audubon binoculars.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: I have had numerous occasions to view this species, singly in Iowa, and in large flocks in northern Minnesota.

REFERENCES and FIELD NOTES:

No references were consulted and no field notes were made. This form was typed on 8 January.

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

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What species? Bohemian Waxwing How many? 1
Location? Grinnell, IA Poweshoke Co
Type of Habitat? flew into tree at Country club
When? date(s): 6 Jan 1999 time: 12³⁰ to 1-2 min
Who? your name and address: T. H. Kent, 211 Richards St, Iowa City, IA 52246
Others with you: Sam Fuller
Others before or after you: —

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

A flock of 25 Waxwings flew into a tree. I noticed that the one on the right was gray and had a rusty undertail. It was a bit larger than the other waxwings. The birds flew off after a minute or two and he could not relocate them.

Similar species; how eliminated:

Cedar Waxwing —

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? no
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.

cloudy, 40 yds (guess), 10x binocular

Previous experience with species and similar ones: have seen a number

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? 4 1/2 hrs this form completed? —

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).