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Middlewestern Prairie Region
(Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio)

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species Rubycrowned Kinglet 2. Number: 2
3. Location Duck Creek Park, Warravine - Davenport, Iowa
4. Date: Dec. 21, 1980 5. Time Bird seen: 9:25 AM to 9:26 A.M.

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

Small, greenish birds, very small bills, eye-ring, wing-bars, short-tail noted on one bird.

7. Description of voice, if heard: silent

8. Description of behavior: Flew into small tree about 35' away in response to C. Screech Owl tape. Lingered a minute, Flew over & left area.

9. Habitat - general: deciduous forest
specific: ravine, some unfrozen water, many vines, shrubs, edge of area a row of houses with feeders, good cover.

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:
Golden-crowned Kinglet - definitely no eye-line, saw these earlier in day

11. Distance (how measured)? 35' - est.

12. Optical equipment: 10X40 Bushnell roof prism binocs.

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you): light o.c. Sun to left of obs. & bird.

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: Have banded thousands, observed frequently in the field for 30 years.

15. Other observers: nearby, but did not get glasses on bird.

16. Did the others agree with your identification? Didn't see well enough, didn't disagree.

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: none to my knowledge

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
none used

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 8 hrs. Notes made within 15 min.

Signature

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