

Black-headed Grosbeak

Record Number: 94-19

15 May 1994

Classification: A-D

Big Creek SP, Polk Co., IA

*Eloise and Eugene Armstrong

IBL 64:79; 65:82

DOCUMENTATION

Eloise and Eugene Armstrong [19 Aug 1994*]

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 64:79

Records Committee: IBL 65:82

VOTE: 7 A-D

A-D, Details are sufficient for identification.

A-D, Yellow-orange rump and sides along with black head eliminates all others.

A-D, Good description by experienced observers.

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

94-19

What species? Black-headed Grosbeak - male How many? 1
Location? North end Big Creek, end of 100th north
Type of Habitat? Bushy hillsides, County roadside
When? date(s): May 15, 1994 time: 8 PM to 8:10 PM
Who? your name and address: Eloise & Eugene Overstrom
Boone
Others with you: none
Others before or after you: no one

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.

All black ~~head~~ head - grosbeak bill -
Yellow-orange rump and undertail coverts
Yellow-orange breast and sides
White wing patches in flight
Dark back and wings with white wing
patches

Similar species; how eliminated:

Rose-breasted - no rose on throat or underwings

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

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

none needed
excellent - landed on gravel road beside car - 10 to 30 feet
flew to nearby trees - Remained perched -

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Others seen locally and in western U.S.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

each other

How long before field notes made? 10 minutes this form completed? that evening

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