

SUPPORTING DETAILS: UNCOMMON OR RARE SPECIES AND/OR SPECIES IN HIGH NUMBERS

CBC name IOWA CITY IA CBC date 20 Dec 80 Compiler M. NewtonObserver writing this account and date M. Newton 27 Dec 1980SPECIES Grey Catbird NUMBER, AGE, SEX 1, ad.Distance from bird(s) 6'-15' Relative size of bird 1-2" smaller than robinHEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line, etc.)
forehead and crown: black; remainder uniform dark grey.EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color, etc.) eye: dk brown,
lores uniform dark grey.UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES dark grey-blackLEGS & FEET blackishUPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.) uniform dark grey
~~uniform dark grey~~UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.) throat to belly
uniform dark grey; under-tail coverts dark chestnut; feathers not downy
so prob. adultRETRICES (Describe inner, middle, outertail feathers, color pattern, shape, etc.)
uniform blackish grey (darker than body, not as black as cap)WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading and trailing edges, etc.) as retricesVOCALIZATION —BEHAVIOR in long grass in thicket when first obs.; when flushed, climbed
up in bush. Unwilling to fly, allowed close approach. Shivering, kept one
foot tucked up in belly feathers.Date of observation 12-20-80 Time 930 Weather 0°, no wind Sky cover clearDuration of observation 15 min Bird - Sun orientation sun behind obs.Exact location 'Handcart trail' w. of Hawkeye Ct. Apts, Iowa City, Johnson Co., IA.Habitat thicket at border of open Other observers B. Knight
field and second-growth woods.Optical equipment naked eye (at 6'), 8x90 binocs at
15'.ADDITIONAL COMMENTS Description taken on the spot. This form filled in
12-28.Michael C. Newton
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