

Common Poorwill
29 May 1935
Mud Lake, Clay Co., IA
George A. Amman
Ammann 1936

Record Number: 81-BH
Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Ammann, G.A. 1936. Nuttall's Poor-will in Clay County. IBL 6:7
VOTE (1981): 1-III, 2-IV, 3-V, 1-VI

IV, For what it is worth, I have never heard a whip-poor-will
in many nights spent in that area.

IV or V, I don't know whether sounds can be confused. Need to
know how experienced Amman was.

VI, does not sound like last 2 syllables of the whip-poor-
will; call notes shorter, such less strongly accented - my guess
is that bird was a distant whip-poor-will.

IV, Bird heard only - never seen. Call was reported over Mud
Lake, singing on wing. Both habitat & singing on wing are highly
atypical. Apparently only one observer.

III, Sounds convincing. Location at that time (1935) tends to
make Whip-poor-will more unlikely.

Poor-will

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Nuttall's Poor-will in Clay County.—Between the hours of one and two A. M., May 29, 1935, a Poor-will was heard singing almost continuously at Mud Lake, near Ruthven, in Clay County, Iowa. The repeated phrases "Poor-will" sounded much like the last two syllables of the Whip-poor-will's song, and varied in intensity as if the bird were continually changing its position with respect to the listener. This gave the impression that the bird was singing on the wing, over the lake. It was a bright moonlight night; the temperature was about 58 degrees F.—GEORGE A. AMMANN, Museum of Zoology, Ann Arbor, Mich.