

Lazuli Bunting

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Classification: A-P

4.5 n. of Lake City, Calhoun Co., IA

*Mary Ellis

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DOCUMENTATION

*Mary Ellis, 3251 Harris Ave., Lake City, IA 51449 [7/26/94]

PHOTOGRAPHS

Mary Ellis, P-0415

REFERENCES

Field Reports: none

Records Committee: IBL 64:68

VOTE: 7 A-P

A-P, Very good picture clearly showing Lazuli Bunting.

A-P, male.

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What species? LAZULI BUNTING How many? 1

Location? My Kitchen Window Sill, 4 1/2 NW Lake City IA Calhoun County, Sec 26 ELM Grove

Type of Habitat? There are Juniper Spreaders below Kitchen Windows

When? date(s): July 7, 1993 time: 3:00 PM to 3:20 P.M.

Who? your name and address: Mary Ellis, 3251 Harris Ave, Lake City, IA 51449

Others with you: Just myself

Others before or after you: None, other than pictures I took

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.

I was sitting at the Kitchen Table having a cup of coffee watching the gold finch & house finch at the feeders. Suddenly a bird flew into the window that was rolled out. It was like it was being chased by other bird. The bird hit the window but landed on the sill. It acted like the wind was knocked out of it; just sat there with its mouth wide open trying to get in it appeared. I was about 4 1/2 in to 5 in long and I thought, it's a blue bird, but thought blue birds don't have wing bars. I thought no one will ever believe this so I found my camera, its a Kodak Tele EXTRA 1 camera. There is a screen between the bird and the camera and me. I took one picture and then I waited another 5 min or so and took another, as the sun went behind a cloud. After approximately 15 or 20 minutes, the bird closed its mouth and acted

OK. Suddenly it turned around and evidently could see its escape as it took off and was out of sight within seconds. I looked again through the bird book to see if there were any other birds that looked like it. The only one I could find was the LAZULI Bunting, and I knew it wasn't suppose to be here. I am enclosing pictures

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? yes
 If yes, explain: I thought it might be an eastern bluebird, but this bird had wing bars, broad bill

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.
Approximately 18 inches, daylight, between screen and glass window rolled out. So just screen separating me from bird.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:
We've had Indigo buntings, gold finch, house finch, Cedar waxwing and other birds at our feeders & Bath.

References and persons consulted before writing description: Golden "A Guide to field identification BIRDS of North America". Betty Yunker at Lake City who has done a lot of Bird watching and Bird counts. She in turn consulted someone else.

How long before field notes made? this form completed 1-2-94
I looked up Bluebirds and went through Golden Birds of North America, to see if I could find bird

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