

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

CBC name DeSoto National Wildlife Ref CBC date 12/21/80 Compiler David W. Menke

Observer writing this account and date David W. Menke 12/22/80

SPECIES Yellow-headed Blackbirds NUMBER, AGE, SEX One, Ad., Male

Distance from bird(s) 100 - 150 ft Relative size of bird As large as r.w. blackbird

HEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line, etc.)  
Head, face and neck dark yellow to slightly yellow orange (adult male coloration)

EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color, etc.) black eye

UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES black

LEGS & FEET black

UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.)

All body parts except head neck and wing patch were dark black

UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.)

See above

RETRICES (Describe inner, middle, outertail feathers, color pattern, shape, etc.)  
Black as described above

WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading and trailing edges, etc.) White patch seen in flight and noticeable when bird was perched

VOCALIZATION None heard

BEHAVIOR Seen with flock of 750 + or - Redwings. Feeding on unharvested milo.

Date of observation 12/21/80 Time 11:00 a.m. Weather Cloudy / Cold Sky cover

Duration of observation \_\_\_\_\_ Bird - Sun orientation \_\_\_\_\_

Exact location DeSoto NWR 1/4 mile west of North end of Nobles Lake

Habitat Field surrounded by trees Other observers Eric Volden, Barb Wilson

June Parks Optical equipment Bausch and Lomb 15-60 X Scope

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS Observed with flock of redwing blackbirds twice during day (11:00 am and 2:30 pm). Same species observed at same location during 1979 Christmas Count.

AN ACCOMPANYING SKETCH OR PHOTOGRAPH CAN BE AN EXCELLENT FURTHER DOCUMENTATION