

Hoary Redpoll

18 Jan 1896

Iowa City, Johnson Co., IA

H. C. Oberholser

also 25 Jan; specimens, DuMont 1934, Morrissey 1944

Record Number: 81-KL

Classification: NA

SPECIMENS

Putnam Museum, Davenport

REFERENCES

DuMont 1933

Morrissey, T.J. 1944. Holboell's Redpoll in Iowa. IBL 14:74.

VOTE (1981): 2-I-S, 1-I-S?, 1-I, 2-VI, 1-?

I-S?, need to have specimen reexamined.

VI, *A. linaria* is a race of the common redpoll (now *Carduelis flammea*).

I, verified by Zimmer. I have specimens.

ck specimens. no description of locatable specimens

(Davenport?).

VI, Common Redpoll (see Bent, AOU).

REVOTE (at meeting, 5 Sep 1981, after specimens examined): 6-VI  
(they are Common R.'s).

DuMont 1933  
p 142

*Acanthis linaria linaria* (Linnaeus). Common Redpoll

An irregular winter visitor, occasionally appearing in considerable numbers. All observers in the southern part of the state have reported it as rare. Wolden listed it as a common winter resident in Emmet County.

*Acanthis linaria rostrata* (Coues). Greater Redpoll

A very rare winter straggler. J. H. Brown recorded (Iowa Orni., II, p. 50) that he shot three Greater Redpolls at Iowa City, Johnson County, on January 11, 1896 and one on January 13. He believed them to be undoubtedly of this variety. There is a record in the files of the U. S. Biological Survey of nine specimens taken January 18 and 25, 1896 in Johnson County. They were determined as *rostrata* by A. K. Fisher. The present location of these specimens is not known.

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*Acanthis linaria holboellii* (Brehm). Holboell's Redpoll

H. C. Oberholser wrote that five specimens were taken in Johnson County, January 18 and 25, 1896. They were identified by A. K. Fisher. These specimens cannot now be found.

DuMont 1933  
p 157

Bent, A. C.: Life Histories of North American Cardinals, Grosbeaks, Buntings, Towhees, Finches, Sparrows and Allies. Bull 237 Part 1 US Nat Museum, Washington, 1968. p 424

*Casual records.*—Casual in southwestern Alaska (Kodiak Island in summer), Montana (Miles City), Minnesota (Ottertail County), Iowa (Iowa City), Wisconsin (Lake Koshkonong), Keewatin (Southampton Island), Ontario (Moose Factory, Toronto), Quebec (Quebec City), Massachusetts, Maine (North Brighton, Gorham), New Brunswick (Grand Manan), Newfoundland (Locke's Cove), and Great Britain.

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Morrissey, T. J. 1944. Holboell's Redpoll in Iowa. IBL 14:74.

*Holboell's Redpoll in Iowa.*—Philip A. DuMont, in his 'Revised List of the Birds of Iowa' (Univ. of Ia. Studies in Nat. Hist., Vol. XV, No. 5), places Holboell's Redpoll, *Acanthis linaria holboellii* (Brehm), on the hypothetical list. He noted that five specimens had been collected by A. K. Fisher and identified by H. C. Oberholser but that the skins could not be found. While examining a small series of study skins in the Davenport Public Museum, I noted three Redpolls bearing A. K. Fisher's labels. I sent the birds to John T. Zimmer of the American Museum of Natural History for identification. "Two specimens," Zimmer wrote, "are correctly identified as *A. l. rostrata*, the Greater Redpoll. The third skin is not so certain . . . it has certain combinations of characters that place it in *holboellii*, but the bill is not as slender in outline. At any rate, as *holboellii* is at present understood, I think your specimen may be safely assigned to it." All three birds were collected by Fisher on January 25, 1896, in Johnson County, Iowa, and are undoubtedly the lost specimens referred to by DuMont in his accounts of Holboell's and the Greater Redpoll.—THOS. J. MORRISSEY, Davenport, Iowa.

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