

Rock Wren
10 Aug 1941
Hornick, Woodbury Co., IA
Jean Laffoon
Laffoon 1942, Youngworth 1958

Record Number: 81-BQ
Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Laffoon

Youngworth, W. 1958. Rock Wren near Sioux City. IBL 28:60.

VOTE (1981): 1-III, 4-IV, 1-V, 1-VI

III, Laffoon was a good observer for years in Sioux City area.

Went on to career as entamologist at Iowa State.

IV, location CK, no description, observer not known.

VI, no details.

VI, insuf. detail.

V, 2 records by single observers reported in single article with no description of birds seen.

IV, Second hand record, mentioned by WY (1958). Probable, habitat correct.

Laffoon, J. 1942. Some recent bird records in the Sioux City area. IBL 12:61.

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