

House Finch

1 May 1983

Davenport, Scott Co., IA

*P. Petersen

IBL 53:55; 54:39

Record Number: 83-21
Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

Peter C. Petersen

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 53:55

Records Committee: IBL 54:39

VOTE: 6-III, 1-abstain

III, Hopefully there are no brick-red Purple Finches.

III, Experienced observer.

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? House Finch How many? one

Location? 235 McClellan Blvd, Davenport IA 52805

Type of habitat? wooded urban yard - at feeder

When? date(s): May 6, 1983 time: 4:14 to 4:16 P.M. C.D.T.

Who? your name and address: Peter C. Petersen, 235 McClellan Blvd. Davenport IA

others with you: Mary Lou Petersen 52805

others before or after you: _____

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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Bird size + shape of Purple Finch, top of head & throat bright brick red, back brown with white streaking, red ended in upper chest, streaked brown & white below. Light tan around eye, wing & tail brown, rump brick red. Bill & leg color much like purple Finch.

Similar species and how eliminated: Purple Finch - red diff. several shades none on back, ^{and} streaked sides on this bird.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: bright overcast, 15' - measured with tape measure, no optical equip. needed.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen frequently in US, once previously in Iowa

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? 5 min. this form completed? 5 min.