

Carolina Parakeet

CA 1819

Engineer's Cantonment, IA

Thomas Say

James 1923, Anderson 1907

Record Number: 81-MV

Classification: NA

REFERENCES

James 1923

Anderson 1907

VOTE (1981): 3-III, 3-IV, I-V

IV, likely but no data.

III, easy bird to id.

III, Hard bird to misidentify - Say was an ornithologist,  
also. Some doubt about occurrence in winter? -- see 6 (Bartsch).  
Prob. still remained in south Iowa.

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James, E. 1823. Account of an Expedition from Pittsburgh to the Rocky Mountains Performed in the Years 1819, 1820 . . . London, Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme and Brown. p 265

*Psittacus Carolinensis* — Caroline parroquet. 7 1

Order PSITTACIFORMES

Family Psittacidae

*Conuropsis carolinensis ludovicianus* (Gmelin). Louisiana Paroquet

Extinct. Anderson (1907) has summarized the observations on this bird as contained in the reports of the early explorers up the Missouri River. Thomas Say stated that it was seen several times during the winter of 1819-20 at Engineer Cantonment, near the present site of Ft. Calhoun, Washington County, Nebraska. Prince Maximilian recorded an Iowa observation on May 14, 1834 a little below "Weeping-water River." Audubon and Bell had several observations during May, 1843. The last authentic record is given by T. Martin Trippe (1872): "A resident of Decatur County told me that he had several times seen a flock of Parrots in the southern part of the county on a tall, dead cottonwood tree, known to the neighboring inhabitants as the 'parrot tree,' from its having been frequented at intervals by the same flock for several years . . . and that he had shot one of them on one occasion." There are no Iowa specimens.

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DuMont 1933  
p 81