

Burrowing Owl

13 Apr 1982

south of Archer, O'Brien Co., IA

*R. Harms

photo by Harms (P-0067); IBL 52:58; 53:35

Record Number: 82-08
Classification: A-P

DOCUMENTATIONS

R. V. Harms

PHOTOGRAPH

R. V. Harms, P-0067

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 52:58

Records Committee: IBL 53:35

VOTE: 6-I-P, 1-I

I-P, Good photo.

I-P, Excellent photograph.

Summary of Review of an Ornithologic Observation
by the Records Committee
of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union

SPECIES: Burrowing Owl

DATE SEEN: 13 April 1982

SITE OF OBSERVATION: 1½ miles South of Archer, O'Brien Co. Iowa

OBSERVERS: Ron Harms

DATE OF REVIEW: 22 August 1982

METHOD OF REVIEW: mail vote

CLASSIFICATION OF RECORD: I-P

COMMENTS: Good photograph.

The opinions expressed here are based on the information available to the Committee and should not necessarily preclude an alternate interpretation by those who observed the bird firsthand.

Any action may be re-reviewed upon submission of additional evidence.

Explanation of Classification:

- I = labeled, diagnostic specimen, photograph, or recording available for review by the Committee
- II = acceptable sight record documented independently by 3 or more observers
- III = acceptable sight record documented by 1 or 2 observers
- IV = probably correct record, but not beyond doubt
- V = record with insufficient evidence to judge
- VI = probably incorrect identification, escapee, or otherwise unacceptable record

Classification is based on the highest category agreed upon by six of seven committee members.

What species? Burrowing Owl How many? oneLocation? O'Brien County, Ia. 1.75 South of ArcherType of habitat? Flat landWhen? date(s): April 1982 time: 9:00 AM to I watched for about 15 min. before I left.Who? your name and address: R.K. Harms, Laurens 50537others with you: None

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. Picture attached.

I saw it on a post and stopped the car some distance from the bird. I started taking pictures - continuing as I got closer. I got to about 20 ft when it started bobbing & hissing at me when I backed away & left. It changed locations in the immediate area about 4 times - including sitting on a mound of dirt at a badger hole.

Similar species and how eliminated: it's just a burrowing owlDid any one disagree or have reservations about identification? didn't ask

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

Conditions gooddistance as close as 18-20 ft.Previous experience with species and similar ones: I had last seen them as a chick (early 1960s) in permanent pasture west of ArcherReferences and persons consulted before writing description: Ray Cannon said to stop with FernHow long before field notes made? None this form completed? 6 weeksMAIL TO: T. H. Kent, Field Reports Editor, 211 Richards Street, Iowa City IA 52240
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