

Lazuli Bunting  
13 May 1949  
near Newton, Jasper Co., IA  
J. P. Moore, Bob Little  
Moore 1949

Record Number: 81-EP  
Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Moore, J.P. 1949. Lazuli Bunting at Newton. IBL 19:73.  
Brown 1971

VOTE (1981): 1-III, 6-IV

IV, no detail, past president of IOU.

IV, confusion with bluebird suggestive.

IV, sight record -- no description of features.

IV, No description given, although allusion to bluebird suggests some chestnut coloration.

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Lazuli Bunting at Newton.—On May 13, 1949, Bob Little and I were hiking about two miles from Newton on the Green Castle road. We were viewing a Dickcissel and a Red-winged Blackbird which were sitting between two fence posts, when a blue-colored bird landed between them, in plain view and in easy range of our binoculars. Naturally, our first thought was, "Ah, a Bluebird also." But the thought had hardly time to crystallize in that split-second before I was stammering out, "No, no, it's a Lazuli Bunting!" Sure enough, it was, though it is an accidental migrant in Iowa and rare this far east.—JOHN PAUL MOORE, Newton, Iowa.

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Lazuli Bunting Passerina amoena (Say)

Accidental

There have been these observations since 1933: 25 July, 1935, Warren Co. (Peasley, 1936); third week in May, 1940, Des Moines (HRP) [13 May, 1949, near Newton (Moore, 1949)] 14 May, 1958, near Sioux City (Youngworth, 1959b); 15 May, 1959, Shenandoah (Bordner, 1959); 29 May, (1961) Lamon (WDeL). There also have been several observations by Wm. Youngworth on the South Dakota side of the Big Sioux River, and several records of what appeared to be hybrids of the Lazuli and Indigo Buntings. There is no Iowa specimen extant.

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