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Black-headed Grosbeak 30 May 1990 Booneville, Madison Co., IA Eloise Armstrong IBL 61:71, 62:22 Record Number: 90-18 Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

Eloise Armstrong

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 61:71
Records Committee: IBL 62:22
VOTE: 6 A-D, 1 vote not indicated

NO VOTE: After 40 yrs you do not mix bird records with marriage. See preceding note.

A-D: Seems conclusive but the description is very short on detail. Would have expected a more complete description after ten minute view from ten feet away.

A-D: I am assuming from the details that this was a male Black-headed Grosbeak in which case the orange breast and rump would be diagnostic. I compared this species with Rose-breasted in the UNO collection, and found even an adult male can have orange feathers in the black hood.

A-D: Pretty slim description, but adequate. There was room for a lot more detail on this one.

A-D: Field notes are diagnostic for an adult male.

A-D: Description is sketchy, but I know of no other species with this color on the breast, flanks and upper tail coverts. This must have been a first year male coming into breeding plumage but not quite there. As it reads the description is beyond reasonable doubt.

A-D: Adequate details from a good, experienced birder. it would have been most helpful if the observer had used a documentation form to give more information and details such as why it wasn't a similar species such as a Rose-breasted Grosbeak. RESULT OF 2ND REVIEW: 7 A-D

A-D: I refrained from voting on my wife's bird to see what the committee would do. I did not see what she had submitted, but I did know she felt it would not be accepted, so she submitted details only in hopes it would be used in the field reports. There is no doubt in my mind that it was indeed a Black-headed Grosbeak and the details she did submit were accurate.

A-D: Very brief description but I don't know what else it might have been.

A-D: Field notes are diagnostic for an adult male.

A-D: Vote as before, few details but adequate for this species.

A-D: Adequate but sketchy details.

