

Curve-billed Thrasher
13 May 1988
Badger Lake, Manona Co., IA
Tom Sorensen, Dan Gifford
Dinsmore et al. 1988

Record Number: 93-ID
Classification: A-P

PHOTOGRAPHS

Tom Sorensen, P-0259 (IBL 58:116)

REFERENCES

Dinsmore, S., T. Sorensen, and D. Gifford. 1988. Curve-billed Thrasher in Manona County. IBL 58:116.

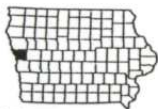
Photographs: IBL 58:116 (P-0259)

VOTE: 5 A-P

A-P, Photos show a gray-brown thrasher with mottled/spotty underparts, clear throat, long decurved black bill, faint thin wing bar, and orange eye. Bendire's would have less extensive breast marks, shorter bill, light lower mandible, and less orange eye. Brown and Long-billed would be redder and more heavily streaked. Sage thrasher is smaller, grayer, and more thrush-like./thk

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER IN MANONA COUNTY

STEVE DINSMORE, TOM SORENSEN, AND DAN GIFFORD



On 13 May 1988, Tom Sorensen, Dan Gifford, and several other persons noticed an unusual bird in the gravel parking lot of the Missouri River Unit Headquarters of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources at Badger Lake, Manona County. Sorensen took several photographs at close range, and he and Gifford later identified the bird as a Curve-billed Thrasher.

The bird frequented the gravel parking lot around the headquarters on the 13th, but was not seen after that date. The following description was written from the photographs and from comments by the observers. The bird was very tame and allowed the observers to approach to within 10 feet as it hopped around on the parking lot. The bird was roughly robin-sized, although no direct comparisons were made. The bird's most distinctive feature was the bill. It was long, evenly curved, heavy, and dark colored. Also distinctive was the reddish eye. The underparts were whitish with some blurry streaking, particularly on the flanks, breast, and throat. The undertail coverts were slightly buffy. The upperparts were gray. The wings were also gray and showed two prominent white wing bars. The tail was long and dark, and the longest tail feathers showed narrow white tips. The legs were dark.

The wing bars and distinctly mottled underparts indicate that the bird was of the more southerly race, *Toxostoma curvirostre curvirostri*. There are three other records of Curve-billed Thrasher in Iowa: 25 June 1975 at Spirit Lake, September 1980 to March 1981 at Rathbun Reservoir, and 17 November to March 1981 near Solon.



Curve-billed Thrasher, Manona County, 13 May 1988. Photo by Tom Sorensen.

I.O.U. BUSINESS

SPRING BUSINESS MEETING

Mason City, 21 May 1988, 4:15 to 5:00 p.m.

ANN M. BARKER, SECRETARY

Presiding: Jim Dinsmore, President

Minutes

The minutes of the Fall 1987 meeting were summarized. They will be published in *Iowa Bird Life*. The president will call for their approval at the fall meeting after publication.

Reports

Treasurer: Francis Moore distributed financial statements for the year 1987 and a proposed budget. These were discussed and reviewed. The financial report will be audited. The Board has already approved the budget.

Treasurer's Report--1987

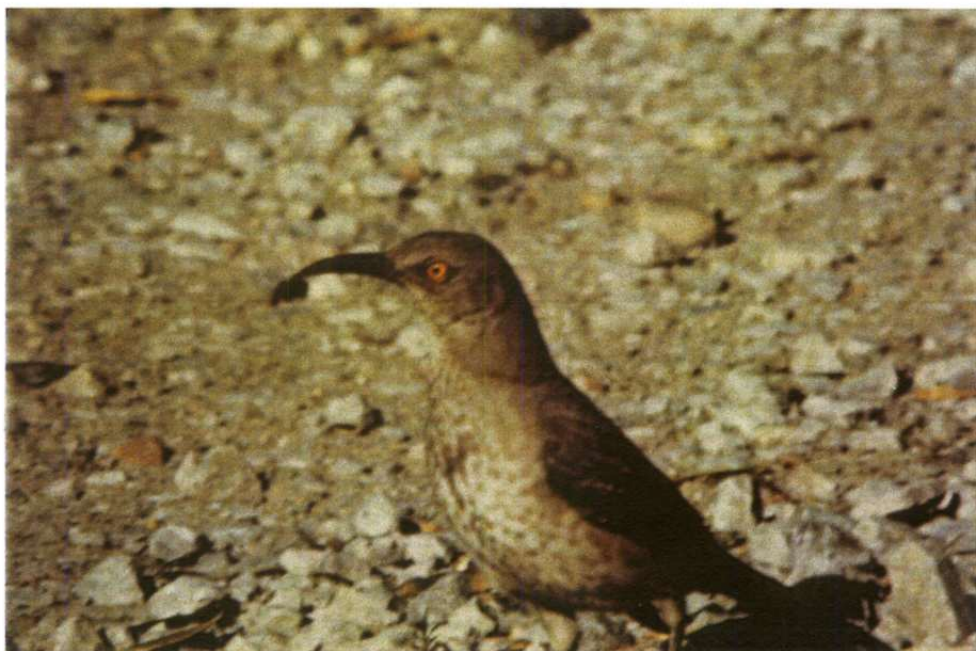
Assets 31 Dec 1986		\$17,115.06	
1987 Addition		\$1,876.89	
Assets 31 Dec 1987		\$18,991.95	
Cash	7,506.29		
CDs	11,038.64		
Interest due	447.02		
Income 1987		\$8,757.37	
Contributions		1,490.29	
Members	623.50		
Bird-a-thon	341.80		
Birdline	256.00		
Royalties	268.99		
Membership/Subscriptions		6,149.00	
First member	4,744.00		
Second member	252.00		
Third+ member	12.00		
Life memberships	250.00		
Subscriptions	891.00		
Sales		148.70	
Interest		969.38	
Meetings		217.61	
Expenses 1987		\$6,880.48	
Publications Committee		5,570.77	
Iowa Bird Life	4,694.48		
I.O.U. News	796.29		
Other	80.00		
Membership Committee		151.48	
Records Committee		18.91	
Treasurer		152.39	
Board of Directors		4.48	
Research Grant		100.00	
Birdline		431.26	
Materials		351.78	
Other		99.41	

Records Committee: No report.

Library/Historical Committee: The committee met in April in Montezuma. Their major concern has been the archives. An arrangement has been made with the Iowa State University Library where materials can be kept and will be available to members. The committee is attempt-

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