

Hoary Redpoll
10 Mar 1978
Coralville Res., Johnson Co., IA
*T. H. Kent
IBL 48:76

Record Number: 81-KS
Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

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REFERENCE

Field Reports: IBL 48:76

VOTE (1981): 5-III, 1-?, 1-pass
III, although back pattern not noted.
possible.
III, white rump and pale color seen.

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Halmi, N. S. 1978. Field reports. Iowa Bird Life 48:69-77

overcame her diffidence and wrote to Gladys Black. The bird was then seen by many birders from all over the state, and repeatedly photographed. A Hoary Redpoll near Iowa City, March 10, was documented (TK). Com. Redpolls lingered until late March at Red Rock (GBI) and Iowa City (TSh), and were last seen on May 1 at Cherokee (DB). Pine Siskins stayed thorough most of May in several

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

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1. Species Hairy redpoll 2. Number 1
3. Location 1/4 mile north of Airport Bridge, Johnson County Road M48
4. Date: 3-10-78 5. Time Bird Seen: 2²⁰-2²⁵ PM to _____
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):
- A flock of redpolls with a few goldfinches were seen in an old tree in the open. One redpoll with back to me was preening itself as I observed the white rump without streaks, over a period of about 3 min. The bird then turned and faced me for 2 min before flying off. It had seed on top but none in front (♀). It was slightly larger than a female common redpoll next to it. The shoulder was whiter than the other redpolls and there were only a few coarse breast streaks. It was pure white underneath. Overall the bird appeared lighter than the other redpolls.
7. Description of voice, if heard: not heard
8. Description of behavior: Was in a flock of about 60 common redpolls preening itself and then turned several times. Flew off suddenly with a few others of the flock.
9. Habitat - general: old flooded river bottom
specific: sitting in an old tree with surrounding weed patch.
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:
Common redpoll. The white rump without streaks was displayed very clearly as the bird preened.
11. Distance (how measured)? 100 ft (estimate)
12. Optical equipment: 20x BK objective on Bushnell scope
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
light overcast, excellent light, bird to the east of me.
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
Saw several in Duluth Jan 78 and one in Iowa Feb 78.
15. Other observers: none
16. Did the others agree with your identification?
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
not consulted
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 5 minutes
- Signature: Thomas H Kant Address: 211 Richards St
- Date: 3-10-78 City, State: Iowa City, Iowa