

Black-headed Grosbeak

Record Number: 81-EK

20 Sep 1970

Classification: NA

Waterloo, Robertson Sanctuary, Black Hawk Co., IA

R. Hays, Mrs. C. Hewitt, Mrs R. Ehlers

Hays 1970

REFERENCES

Hays, R. 1970. Black-headed Grosbeak at Waterloo. IBL 40:74.

Field Reports: IBL 40:73-74

VOTE (1981): 1-II, 3-III, 3-IV

III, minimum detail, competent observer.

IV, description poor.

III, sight record, 3 observers, vague description. Was documentation submitted to Field Editor?

IV, female birds are often difficult to separate. Buffy color is indicative of this species, but degree of streaking on breast needs to be described better. Possibly also a hybrid or introgressant.

Hays, R. 1970. Black-headed Grosbeak at Waterloo. Iowa Bird Life 40:74 ^{81-EK}

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Black-headed Grosbeak at Waterloo. On 20 September, 1970, at Robertson Sanctuary, Mrs. Clarice Hewitt, Mrs. Roland Ehlers and I saw a grosbeak fly up into a dead tree in good light. We knew we had something different right away as we quickly decided it was not a female or juvenile Rose-breasted Grosbeak. The orange-yellow coloration and heavy grosbeak bill checked out in the field guide as a female Black-headed Grosbeak. We all got good views of the bird sitting, and when it flew we had excellent views of the orange-yellow coloration along the breast. Mrs. Hewitt has seen the Black-headed Grosbeak out west, and we were absolutely certain of the identification. - RUSSELL HAYS, 533 Home Park, Waterloo.