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Black-backed Woodpecker < 1907 Omaha "in the state", NE I. S. Trostler Anderson 1907

REFERENCE Anderson 1907 VOTE (1981): 5-V, 2-in NE not Iowa rec -- Neb. bird.

V, hearsay.

I checked RNB p59: all 3 records appear to be in Nebraska --Again, Anderson's quote is verbatim. I suggest dropping all 3 records. Dakota City is in ne Nebraska.

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Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker

179. (400). *Picoides arcticus* (Swains.). Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker.

The Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker may only be expected as a casual winter visitant in Iowa, if it occurs at all at the present

time. Walter G. Savage writes: "About twenty years ago my father shot one, the only record I have in our locality. I have a painting of the bird and was with the man when he shot it. It was taken in the western part of Henry county, on Big Cedar."

W. W. Cooke states: "This is one of the migratory woodpeckers, but its movements are not extensive. In the Mississippi Valley these movements are limited to a migration from its summer home in British America to the United States, where it remains during the winter, returning in the spring. . . Individuals have been known to occur in northern Illinois, but are seldom seen south of latitude 40°" (Bird Migr. in Miss. Val., 1884-85, p. 129).

It has been taken three times in the state, twice at Omaha, once by I. S. Trostler, December 15, 1895, and again by F. J. \supset Breese, and at Dakota City by Wallace Bruner (Rev. Bds. Neb., p. 59).

Anderson 1907 pp 274-275