

Black-backed Woodpecker  
18 Feb 1924  
Des Moines, Polk Co., IA  
Anna Bernard, A. T. Watson  
DuMont 1933

Record Number: 81-CL  
Classification: NA

REFERENCES

DuMont 1931 [not reviewed, quoted in DuMont 1933]

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VOTE (1981): 2-III, 4-IV, 1-V

IV, no detail.

IV, DuMont accepts this observation as 'Unquestionable'.

III, DuMont considered record 'unquestionable' and usually did not accept sight records.

*Picoides arcticus* (Swainson). Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker

A casual winter visitor. There are but two records. Anderson (1907) recorded the following report from Walter G. Savage: "About twenty years ago [about 1885] 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." DuMont (1931) says: "Rare winter visitor. The only record is of one seen February 18, 1924, in Crocker Woods, Des Moines, by Miss Anna K. Bernard and A. T. Watson." Watson became acquainted with this bird in Maine and the writer accepts his observation as unquestionable. One was seen March 6, 1927, by C. A. Mitchell in the Fontenelle Forest Reserve, south of Omaha, Nebraska, and across the Missouri from Pottawattamie County, Iowa. There are no Iowa specimens.

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