

Hoary Redpoll

2 Mar 1982

Laurens, Pocahontas Co., IA

*Ron Harms

IBL 52:28; 53:36

Record Number: 82-11
Classification: I-P

DOCUMENTATION

Pat and Ron Harms

PHOTOGRAPH

Ron Harms, P-0066

REFERENCE

Field Reports: IBL IBL 52:28

Records Committee: IBL 53:36

VOTE: 5-I, 1-III, 2-IV

Again -- clear rump. In my opinion this feature is sufficient to identify the species -- even if it is a hybrid, it is close to the hoary end of the spectrum.

Can't really tell from photo.

REVOTE (at meeting, 20 November 1982): 6-I-P, 1-III

Summary of Review of an Ornithologic Observation
by the Records Committee
of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union

SPECIES: Hoary redpoll

DATE SEEN: 2 March 1982

SITE OF OBSERVATION: Laurens, Pocahontas Co., Iowa

OBSERVERS: Pat and Ron Harms

DATE OF REVIEW: November 1982

METHOD OF REVIEW: Discussion followed by secret ballot

CLASSIFICATION OF RECORD: I-P

COMMENTS: The classed this record as I-P, a diagnostic report backed by photographic evidence.

The opinions expressed here are based on the information available to the Committee and should not necessarily preclude an alternate interpretation by those who observed the bird firsthand.

Any action may be re-reviewed upon submission of additional evidence.

Explanation of Classification:

- I = labeled, diagnostic specimen, photograph, or recording available for review by the Committee
- II = acceptable sight record documented independently by 3 or more observers
- III = acceptable sight record documented by 1 or 2 observers
- IV = probably correct record, but not beyond doubt
- V = record with insufficient evidence to judge
- VI = probably incorrect identification, escapee, or otherwise unacceptable record

Classification is based on the highest category agreed upon by six of seven committee members.

What species? Hoary Redpoll How many? One (many times)Location? 318 W Garfield, Laurens, Ia. 50554Type of habitat? Low cedar type spreaders + High bush CranberryWhen? date(s): April March 1982 time: 4M to 1PMWho? your name and address: Pat and Ron Harms,others with you: 4 or 5 others at different times

others before or after you: _____

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Pictures attachedThis specimen seemed to advertise its difference from the common Redpoll by letting its wings drop to expose the small of the back.We had assumed it was a color variation of common, but it acted and looked enough different that we took several picturesSimilar species and how eliminated: Common Redpolls have more definite red color. Common were usually feeding & this specimen.Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? YesIf yes, explain: Ray Cummins habitually plays the "Devils advocate", but finally consented to sending a slide in.

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

light & poor to excellentdistance: 3' to 10' usually - just outside window feeding on seeds on snowbankPrevious experience with species and similar ones: years of watching commonReferences and persons consulted before writing description: Peterson's guideRay CumminsHow long before field notes made? None this form completed? 6 weeks(Pictures taken immediately!)

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