

Records Committee, Iowa Ornithologists' Union

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Burrowing Owl

May 1980

Record Number: 80-18

Classification:

Union Township, Kossuth Co., IA

*Craig Roberg, photos seen by J. Dinsmore

number assigned but not reviewed by RC; IBL 50:76

DOCUMENTATION

Craig C. Roberg

PHOTOGRAPH

seen by J. Dinsmore, not on file

VOTE: not evaluated by Records Committee

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

Species Burrowing Owl (Speotyto cunicularia) 2. Number: two (2) adults

3. Location NW 1/4 sec. 6 Union twp. Kossuth county

4. Date: 3 May, June, July - several times 5. Time Bird seen: Approx. 1 hr. each time. am hours
1 each month 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):

Photo included ;

*"I have two good photos of the bird too. No doubt on ID"
J. Dinsmore.*

*accepted
10/4/80
T. Kent
Field Reports Editor*

7. Description of voice, if heard:

8. Description of behavior: Perched on mound in front of burrow or on fence post nearby.

9. Habitat - general: Alfalfa hay field - about 80 acres. Burrow on extreme west edge.
specific:

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:

11. Distance (how measured)? 30 to 40 ft. - camera lens. 12. Optical equipment: 20X scope

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
Sun behind observer.

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
None

15. Other observers: Bob Moats, State Cons. Officer

16. Did the others agree with your identification? Yes

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: Gene Hanna

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? - While Observing

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HAVE NOT OBSERVED YOUNG AS YET BUT BELIEVE THERE ARE SOME. GRASS IS TOO TALL NOW TO SEE MUCH.
(over)