

American Dipper  
CA 1895  
Fremont Co., IA  
G. O. Hnedrickson  
Hendrickson 1957

Record Number: 81-BL  
Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Hendrickson, G.O. 1957. A Dipper specimen at Macedonia, Iowa.  
IBL 27:72.

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

III, I guess - wish we could be sure it was taken in Iowa.

IV, No way to verify that the bird was killed in Iowa. 'most of the birds were taken in Iowa.'

IV, No immediate documentation. Provenience or specimen not known.

III, Details reasonably solid.

III, A specimen discovered in a collection in Macedonia in 1943. Bird had been reputedly collected in 1895-96. Identity of bird probably not in question because of reputation of Hendrickson. Problem: Where exactly was bird collected? There is no proof it was collected in Iowa. Is the specimen still in existence?

III, Some doubts (a) no description of bird (b) locality where shot. As for (b), the man who shot it was a local person, suggesting also that the bird was shot locally. These doubts make III not II.

REVOTE (at meeting, 1 May 1981): no vote change.

## North American Dipper

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**A Dipper Specimen at Macedonia, Iowa.**—At the town hall, Macedonia, in southeastern Pottawattamie County, is a display of about 500 mounted birds containing a Dipper without data. Most of the birds were taken in Iowa, and mounted by Dr. Guido Louis Stempel, a practicing physician and naturalist of the town, between about 1884 and 1904. The writer saw the Dipper at his first visit in 1943 under guidance of Max O. Stempel, proprietor of Bird Harbor Nursery, Macedonia, and a son of the Doctor. At that time Mr. Stempel said the bird was shot in the spring of 1895 or 1896, following three days of strong winds, probably at Waubonsie Lake, which was in Sections 15, 21, and 22, T7ON, R43W, northwestern Fremont County, Iowa, and about 30 miles southwest of Macedonia, by Laut Mason of Hastings, Iowa, about midway between Macedonia and the lake. The west part of the lake, long a well-known waterfowl hunting site, is now Forney Lake, State-owned and managed by the Iowa State Conservation Commission, one part as a refuge and the remainder as a public shooting ground.

Because Philip A. DuMont, after seeing the exhibit for the first time in 1934, had published on a Cinnamon Teal in the collection (Additional Specimens of Birds Substantiated by Specimens, Wilson Bulletin 47:205-208. 1935), the writer thought to correspond with him. In reply came a letter handwritten by M. A. Stempel under date of January 13, 1935. From the letter is this quotation: "There is no question about the water ouzel. Mr. Laut Mason of Hastings killed the bird and sent it to father. The bird was taken in spring after or during 3 or 4 days of strong N.W. winds. If I remember rightly sometime in April."—GEORGE O. HENDRICKSON, Department of Zoology and Entomology, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.