

What species? TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE How many? 2Location? BROWN'S LAKE WOODBURY COUNTYType of habitat? Juniper - prairie grass savannahWhen? date(s): 12-17-89/12-21-89/12-23-89/1-7-90Who? your name and address: BILL HUSER, 401 E. 14th St., S. Sioux City, NE 68776others with you: 12-17: none / 12-21: none / 12-23: none / 1-7: Bob + Wayne Livermoreothers before or after you: KURT DEAN, Lincoln, NE, 12-10 or before

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.

A robin-sized bird with less color + a more slender body than a robin using an area with open spaces and many junipers with many berries.

Rather long tail with white edges, white eye ring, yellowish wing bars + wing linings. Rest of plumage gray.

Short, but pointed, bill.

Yellowish wing markings and white tail edging are seen in flight.

Bird seen both perched, feeding + in flight.

Call: shrill, one-note whistle, repetitive with 2-3 sec. pause between repetitions. Consistent with call given on Peterson's Field Guide to W. Bird Songs, Houghton-Mifflin

Similar species and how eliminated: Robini has red breast, no yellowish wing pattern, heavier bodied.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
as close as 25 yards with excellent lighting.
10x50 Binocs

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Seen several times in Neb + Wyo.

References and persons consulted before writing description: Nat'l Geog.

How long before field notes made? 1 hr. this form completed? 1/10/90

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Appendix:

last seen on 1/13/90. A single bird.

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On 1/7 while with Bob & Wayne Livermore
it was concluded that 3 individuals
were present.