

Great-tailed Grackle
18 Oct 1961
Wheatland, Clinton Co., IA
C. Esther Copp
Brown 1961

Record Number: 81-EE
Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Brown, W. 1961. A sight record of a Boat-tailed Grackle. IBL 31:88.

VOTE (1981): 1-III, 2-IV, 3-V, 1-VI

V, Great-tailed or Boat-tailed??

V, Seems probable, good observer, no detail, second hand. This bird should show up in Iowa soon.

V, no details, need to distinguish the 2 spp.

IV, Esther may have some notes with more details.

VI, 2nd hand report, 2 observers who were familiar with 'Boat-tailed Grackle'. No description nor any differential diagnosis from the more likely Great-tailed Grackle. In early 1960, the Great-tail was breeding extensively in Okla - e. g. Birds of Okla by Sutton.

IV, rather sketchy details.

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A. Sight Record of the Boat-tailed Grackle. Miss C. Esther Copp of Wheatland reports that she and her sister Dolly, while fishing on October 18, 1961, were attracted by a voice which was unfamiliar in their woods. The bird responsible for the strange sounds was observed perching in nearby shrubs, on the ground and in flight at a distance of 50 feet. Miss Copp, who has observed Boat-tailed Grackles in New Orleans, identified the bird as one of this species. The Boat-tailed Grackle, while a common bird in the South, has not previously been recorded in Iowa according to Jack Musgrove.—WOODWARD BROWN, 4815 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines.