

Pinyon Jay  
17 Dec 1971  
Shenandoah, Page Co., IA  
Ruth Zollars, Betty Walters  
to early Jan 1973; Zollars 1973

Record Number: 81-BK  
Classification: A-D

REFERENCE

Christmas Bird Count: IBL 43:9, 10

Field Reports: IBL 43:25

Zollars, R. 1973. Pinyon Jay in Shenandoah. IBL 43:28-29.

VOTE (1981): 1-II, 6-III

III, Barely adequate description, at least 2 experienced observers.

III, details consistent with identification; obs. experience with this species not known.

III, seen by several observers, details scant.

III, Sight record with several observers -- bird(s) apparently present for several weeks. Description short and seems OK. What about the observers?

III, Adequately described by reliable observers. Ruth Zollars married Wayne Phipps, now Ruth Phipps.

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**Pinyon Jay in Shenandoah** -- It was a new and unusual bird song that lead Betty Walters and me to investigate the row of pine trees bordering Sam Knittle's backyard in Shenandoah, while counting birds for the Christmas census on Dec. 17, 1972. After scanning the trees with our binoculars for a few minutes, we saw the bird and noted his uniform blue color, the short tail, and robin-size, a Pinyon Jay. As he flew, a second jay followed him.

A few weeks before the Christmas count, Edward May called me to ask about the possibility of another species of jay coming to his feeder, for he and his wife Eleanor had observed this new bird, and after checking their bird books, they

identified it as a Pinyon Jay. This lead to our making sure the area was covered during the count. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Knittle have also seen the jays on numerous occasions, and Mr. Wayne Phipps reported seeing the Pinyon Jay at his feeder early in January. Getting a photograph of the birds has been impossible due to their irregular habits. -- MRS. RUTH ZOLLARS, 310 University, Shenandoah.