

Common Poorwill
5 May 1895
Pottawattamie Co., IA
I. S. Trostler
Anderson 1907

Record Number: 81-BG
Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Anderson 1907
VOTE (1981): 1-I, 1-III, 5-V
V, insufficient description.
V, second hand report in DuMont attributed to Trostler who had a badly shot-up specimen and eggs. No preservation of specimen or details cited.
III, Location not unlikely; has bred in n. e. Nebraska on occasion. Specimen examined by experienced collector.

354. (418). *Phalaenoptilus nuttalli* (Aud.). Poorwill.

The Poorwill is a species which has been reported from Iowa upon more or less questionable records, but seems to occasionally straggle into the state from the west.

Professor H. W. Cooke says: "The scarcity of the preceding species [Whippoorwill] on the plains has been noted. Its place there is taken by the present species, which is a rather common summer resident in Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, and Dakota, passing eastward, even to Grinnell, Iowa, where an accidental visitant was taken in 1880" (Bird Migr. in Miss. Val., 1884-85, p. 136). Colonel N. S. Goss (Birds of Kansas, 1891, p. 345) gives the range of the species as "western U. S., east into Iowa and Missouri;" and Major Charles Bendire (Life Hist. of N. A. Birds, ii, 1895, p. 153) as "casual east to Iowa and Missouri." Bruner, Wolcott, and Swenk give the status of the species in Nebraska as "western part of state, common; breeding in the canyons of Sioux county and east at least to Long Pine canyon, probably across the state northward." (Rev. Birds of Neb., 1904, p. 61).

Carl Kelsey gives the Poorwill as a "rare accidental visitant" in Poweshiek county (O. & O., xvi, 9, 1891, pp. 131-4), but Professor Lynds Jones of Oberlin, Ohio, in a letter of March 3, 1904, states that this was "Wrongly entered. Records based upon hearing alone . . . closely resembled the cry of the birds which I heard in Algona in 1900. I have suppressed the record."

Dr. Isidor S. Trostler gives the species as a "Very rare summer resident in Pottawattamie county. I took a set of two eggs May 5, 1895; bird shot almost to pieces, but enough saved to make identity certain."

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Bent, A. C.: Life Histories of North American Cuckcoos, Goatsuckers, Hummingbirds and their Allies. Bull 176 US Nat Museum, Washington, 1940. p 193

Breeding range.—The breeding range of the poorwill extends north to southern British Columbia (Kamloops and Okanagan Landing); Montana (Billings and Terry); northwestern South Dakota (Slim Buttes); north-central Nebraska (Long Pine Canyon); and southwestern Iowa (Pottawattamie County). East to southwestern Iowa (Pottawattamie County); eastern Kansas (Blue Rapids, Onaga, Lawrence, and Clearwater); central Texas (Kerrville, San Antonio, and Somerset); eastern Coahuila (Sabinas and Saltillo); and probably Morelos (Cuernavaca). South to probably Morelos (Cuernavaca); southern Sonora (Alamos); and southern Baja California (San Jose del Cabo). West to Baja California (San Jose del Cabo, Miraflores, Triunfo, Pozo Grande, San Fernando, Santo Domingo, La Joya, San Telmo, and probably Todos Santos Islands); California (San Diego, Escondido, Ojai Valley, Santa Cruz Mountain, San Geronimo, Covel, and probably Yreka); Oregon (Brownsboro, Bridge Creek, and probably Netarts); eastern Washington (Crab Creek and Cheney); and British Columbia (Summerland and Kamloops).

Phalaenoptilus nuttalli nuttalli (Audubon). Nuttall's Poor-will

A casual summer resident; a single breeding record. Anderson (1907) says: "Dr. Isidor S. Trostler gives the species as a 'Very rare summer resident in Pottawattamie County. I took a set of two eggs May 5, 1895; bird shot almost to pieces, but enough saved to make identity certain'." There is no specimen or additional records.

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