

Records Committee, Iowa Ornithologists' Union

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Lazuli Bunting

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Mason City, Cerro Gordo Co., IA

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DOCUMENTATION

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REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 67:91

Records Committee: IBL 68:86

VOTE: 7 A-D

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

97-21

What species? LAZULI BUNTING (MALE) How many? 1
Location? CERRO GORDO COUNTY, PORTLAND TOWNSHIP, Sec 31 (13675 SPRUCE AVE)
(MASON CITY IA)
Type of Habitat? DECIDUOUS WOODLAND edge 12th 11:13 11:25 AM
19 - 8:30 8:40 AM
When? date(s): MAY 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 time: 20 - 7:20, 6:25 7:25 AM, 6:25 PM
21 - 7:30 10 7:35 AM
22 - 7:00 10:00 AM MASON CITY
Who? your name and address: ELLEN S. MONTGOMERY, 13675 SPRUCE AVE IA 50401
Others with you: STEVE A OLSON
Others before or after you: NONE

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

SPARROW SIZE AND SHAPE. BILL SMALL AND CONICAL
HEAD + THROAT LIGHT BLUE

BACK, WINGS + TAIL DARK - BLACKISH
2 WHITE WING BARS, UPPER BAR WIDER
BREAST REDDISH
BELLY + UNDERTAIL COVERTS WHITE

VOICE NOT HEARD -

FEEDING ON GROUND IN LOW PLATFORM FEEDER
WITH INDIGO BUNTINGS. ALSO OBSERVED PERCHED
IN SHRUBBERY

Similar species; how eliminated:

SMALLER THAN EASTERN BLUEBIRD. HAD BLUE THROAT
AND WING BARS.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? NO
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.

OVERCAST - 30 FT (TAPE MEASURE)
8X42 BINOCULARS

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

I HAVE DONE A LOT OF BIRDING OUT WEST, AND HAVE OBSERVED
THIS SPECIES A NUMBER OF TIMES IN ITS MORE USUAL RANGE

References and persons consulted before writing description:

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA

How long before field notes made? IMMEDIATE this form completed? 2 WEEKS

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).