

Lazuli Bunting
25 Jul 1935
Warren Co., IA
Mrs. H. R. Peasley
Peasley 1936

Record Number: 81-EN
Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Peasley, Mrs. H.R. 1936. The Lazuli Bunting in Warren County.
IBL 6:11.

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VOTE (1981): I-II, 4-III, I-IV, I-V

III, no detail but competent observers and easy to identify.

V, no details.

IV, sight record: no description of features, observers
unknown.

III, Characteristics not described -- may have been hybrid or
introgressant. However, apparently verified by other observers.

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The Lazuli Bunting in Warren County.—About noon on July 25, 1935, Mrs. John E. Stewart and I were looking for Mockingbirds reported in the vicinity of Center Chapel, located five miles west of Indianola in Warren County. We heard what we thought was the song of an Indigo Bunting. Locating the bird in the top branches of a dead tree, we were surprised to find a male Lazuli Bunting. We watched the bird for an hour with 8-power binoculars. Its behavior seemed to indicate a territory-holding bird. It had three definite singing perches in the immediate vicinity of this tree and one across a small field in an osage orange hedge. It drove a male Indigo Bunting out of its territory, and in so doing, the two birds came to rest for several minutes on a wire fence directly in front of us. Here we had an excellent opportunity to observe them, and we agree with Taverner that, "The adult male Lazuli Bunting is unmistakable."

Early on the morning of July 27, 1935, Mrs. W. G. DuMont, Miss Olivia McCabe, Mrs. John E. Stewart and I found the Bunting acting exactly as before, but a thorough search failed satisfactorily to reveal the female. We believe this is the first record of the Lazuli Bunting this far south and east in Iowa.—MRS. HAROLD R. PEASLEY, Des Moines, Iowa.

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Lazuli Bunting Passerina amoena (Say)

Accidental

There have been these observations since 1933: 25 July, 1935, Warren Co. (Peasley, 1936); third week in May, 1940, Des Moines (HRP); 13 May, 1949, near Newton (Moore, 1949); 14 May, 1958, near Sioux City (Youngworth, 1959b); 15 May, 1959, Shenandoah (Bordner, 1959); 29 May, (1961) Lamoni (WDeL). There also have been several observations by Wm. Youngworth on the South Dakota side of the Big Sioux River, and several records of what appeared to be hybrids of the Lazuli and Indigo Buntings. There is no Iowa specimen extant.

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