

Mountain Bluebird  
10 Apr 1975  
Cedar Falls, Black Hawk Co., IA  
V. E. Dowell  
Dowell 1975

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REFERENCE

Dowell, V.E. 1975. Mountain Bluebird at Cedar Falls. IBL  
45:96.

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NA, Weak and indefinite description at a date when this  
species might occur. /thk

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**Mountain Bluebird at Cedar Falls** -- I am teaching a course in Field Zoology of the Vertebrates this semester, and we have recently started our study of birds. There are 14 students in the class. On April 10, 1975, at approximately 2:20 P.M. we observed a Mountain Bluebird just after crossing Snag Creek near the entrance to Black Hawk Park. This is a county park located at the northwest edge of Cedar Falls adjoining the Cedar River and is in the Cedar River floodplain.

All members of the class and myself had an excellent opportunity to observe this bird from all sides for a period estimated at five to ten minutes. Although we use Peterson's eastern *Field Guide to the Birds* as a text, one of the students had Robbins' book on North American Birds with him, so we were able to study the bird belly together with the deep blue color of the back and the size seemed to us to make identification unmistakable, even though it was the first occasion we had seen one. VIRGIL E. DOWELL, Biology Dept., U.N.I., Cedar Falls.