

Great Gray Owl  
15 Feb 1974  
near Decorah, Winnesheik Co., IA  
E. O. Berg  
Berg 1974

Record Number: 81-GD  
Classification: A-P

PHOTOGRAPH

E. O. Berg, IBL 44:75

REFERENCE

Berg, E.O. 1974. Great Gray Owl in N.E. Iowa. IBL 44:75.

VOTE (1981): 4-I, 2-II, 1-III

III, picture not adequate -- need original.

I, photo and description diagnostic.

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II, Report and photograph of sufficient quality to establish identification.

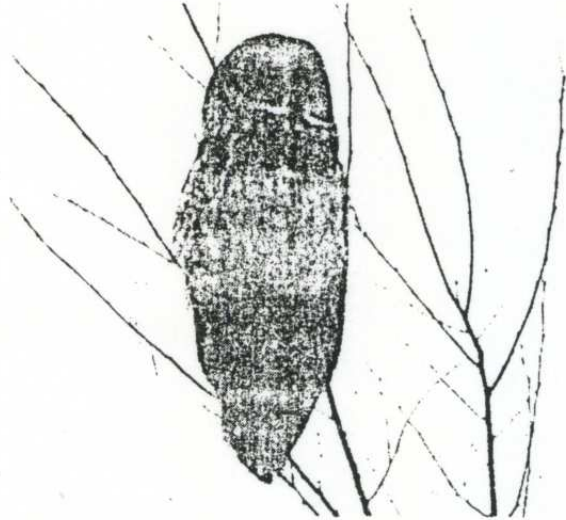
I, Photograph seems conclusive -- white horizontal stripes at base of facial disks are diagnostic, along with size of tail. Eye color not determinable from photo. Do we have the original of the photo?

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Berg, E. O. 1974. Great Gray Owl in N. E. Iowa. Iowa Bird Life 44:75

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Photo by Eric O. Berg



Great Gray Owl in N. E. Iowa -- While driving down Highway 9, towards Decorah, I spotted an owl on the opposite side of the road at a point 5.5 miles west of the Postville Road. It was the fifteenth of February, 1974. I turned the car around and approached the owl. I got out of the car and started snapping off pictures as I approached the bird. I got within ten feet of it before it flew away.

I thought that I was fairly well versed on my owl identifications, but could not key this bird down. I noted its size, breast markings and yellow eyes and proceeded to Decorah. Once back in Wisconsin I was able to obtain an identification on the bird and the pictures confirmed my identification of this Great Gray Owl. (The author has worked at the Cedar Grove banding station for some time. ed.) ERIC O. BERG, c-o Cedar Grove Ornithological Station, Rt. 1, Cedar Grove, Wisconsin 53013.

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