

Hoary Redpoll
19 Feb 1996
Kensett, Worth Co., IA
*Rita Goranson
IBL 60:66; 67:83

Record Number: 96-07
Classification: NA

DOCUMENTATION

Rita Goranson, 115 Lakeview Dr., Mason City 50401 [4/6/97]

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 60:66
Records Committee: IBL 67:83

VOTE: 4 NA, 3 A-D

A-D, (exilipes adult winter)

NA, This record is also probably correct but is difficult to judge without a description of the undertail coverts and bill.

NA, The description is of 2 light-colored redpolls, one with a white rump. More detail is needed to confirm Hoary Redpoll, especially undertail, but also bill and contrasting scapulars.

NA, Lighter coloring on back and head overall not enough for acceptance of this species. We need more description of key areas -- bill (size and shape), upper tail coverts, undertail coverts, color of rest of bird (brown or gray or combination).

A-D, This would not stand alone, but given the location and brief info provided, I believe these were Hoaries.

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

96-67

What species? Hoary Redpoll How many? 2

Location? 7th + Oak St, Kensett, Ia.

Type of Habitat? at feeder's

When? date(s): Feb 19-96 time: 8 am to 9 am

Who? your name and address: Rita Goranson
115 Lakeview Dr.

Others with you: Curt Nelson, Jan Walter
Mason City, IA 50401

Others before or after you: _____

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.

- 40+ redpolls + in them 2 birds
- at least 2 shades lighter in coloring on back + head
- White bellied with only light streaks or 2 on sides
- males
- 1 had a white rump patch
- the other appeared to have a raw patch of skin

Similar species; how eliminated:

In with 40+ Common + these two were noticeably lighter & varied in coloring.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? No

If yes, explain:

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

Overcast
100 ft away TSN-2 KIOWA

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

have seen a number of redpolls - Common

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Nat'l Geographic + Peterson's

How long before field notes made? immediately this form completed? 3 hrs

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