

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF  
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Bohemian Waxwing 2. Number ① 1<sup>+</sup> ② 1  
3. Location ① Cedar Grove 1/2 mi N. of Redfield, Iowa Dallas Co. ② 4 mi NNE of Lamoni, Iowa Decatur Co.  
4. Date: ① 12-24-84 ② 1-20-85 5. Time Bird Seen ① 2:00 PM ② 9:00 AM to ① 12:30 PM ② 9:15 AM

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

① & ② attention was drawn to both birds by the size comparison to the accompanying cedar waxwings noticeable larger.

① & ② Both had Gray Breasts ① & ② Both had Reddish around throat & forehead

① also had white & yellow wing-markings and reddish rump/angles and distance prevent seeing these on the second bird.

7. Description of voice, if heard: NOT HEARD

8. Description of behavior: ① & ② were sunning themselves in cedars ① also was feeding on cedar berries

9. Habitat - general: ① Dense Cedar Ravine ② Large Cedar Grove around a farmstead.  
specific:

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:  
Cedar waxwing smaller w/ yellowish wash to breast

11. Distance (how measured)? ① 15-25 ft est ② 50 yds

12. Optical equipment: ① 7X35 Binocular ② 20X Spotting Scope

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you): ① & ② Sunny good light

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: NONE WITH ① - had seen one with ②

15. Other observers: ② Tom Johnson

16. Did the others agree with your identification? Yes

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: ②

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:  
None

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 3-1-85

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