

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

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What species? Bohemian Waxwing How many? 1 maybe 2

Location? 100 yds E of HQ Bldg of Hawkeye Wildlife Ref., Johnson Co

Type of habitat? scrubby field + woods

When? date(s): 11/11 time: 10 AM to I'm not sure of hour

Who? your name and address: R J Hollis 3351 Lower West Branch Rd

others with you: T Kent, C Bendorf + T Staudt

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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

bird(s) was in w/flock of 200-1000 CWxwings.

1 voice diff from CW - noticeably lower in pitch + with sort of a buzzy bill or rattle

2 Size - 1/4 - 1/3 larger than CW perched nearby

3 Color more uniform across belly - tan whereas CW have sort of a ~~rust~~ vested appearance

4 Dark rusty undertail coverts



Similar species and how eliminated: Cedar Waxwing see above

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
good light 40-50' est, std binocs

Previous experience with species and similar ones: I've seen Cedars

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? ~~5'~~ 5' this form completed? 2 mos