

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE How many? 1Location? LAKE ANITA STATE PARK - Cass CountyType of habitat? OAK - CEDARSWhen? date(s): 3/18/95 time: 11:45 to 11:49Who? your name and address: MARTY THELEN 219^{1/2} E 1st CARROLL, IA 51401others with you: ED THELEN - SPIRIT LAKEothers before or after you: JOE CLARK - CARROLL TOMO KENT - IOWA CITY

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.

OVERALL Grey bird. Robin like but slimmer
 THE WHITE EYE RING WAS THE FIRST THING I SAW.
 WHEN FIRST SEEN, IT WAS SITTING ON TOP
 OF LARGE OAK TREE. SAW APPROX. 3-4 MIN. THEN
 FLEW ACROSS THE ROAD. ED THOUGHT HE NOTICED
 WHITE ON TAIL.

Similar species and how eliminated:

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD ^{HAS} NO WHITE EYERING
 AND WHITE WING PATCHES

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

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

BRIGHT - CLOUDY DAY. LOOKING ABOVE ROAD TO NORTH.
 I USED ~~3X40~~ - ED 30 POWER SCOPE

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

NONE

References and persons consulted before writing description: Peterson Field Guide
Audubon Western Field GuideHow long before field notes made? 1-DAY this form completed? ~~10~~ 10 DAYSMAIL TO: T. H. Kent, Field Reports Editor, 211 Richards Street, Iowa City, IA 52240