

Babs Padelford
1405 Little John Rd.
Bellevue, Ne. 68005

Bewick's Wren

Waubonsie State Park May 24, 1984

Observers: Babs Padelford & Tanya Bray
(was first found by B.J. & Sharon Rose - 5/23)

At 9:30 a.m. we heard the bird singing near the stone gates at the entrance. Later it was in the wooded area that borders the picnic area behind the stone marker on the south side of the road. The habitat is oak-hickory forest at the edge of an open grassy picnic area.

The song was loud and began with a buzz, followed by 3 or 5 warbling chips. It sang often. The alarm call was alloud nasal note.

We observed the bird from approx. 35 feet with 7 power Bushnell binoculars. The bird was reddish-brown on top, light gray below; had a long white eye stripe; long rounded tail that was white below with black markings. It was larger than a house wren and about the same size as a Carolina wren.

It was foraging around the bark of a shagbark hickory approx. 4-6 ft. above the ground.